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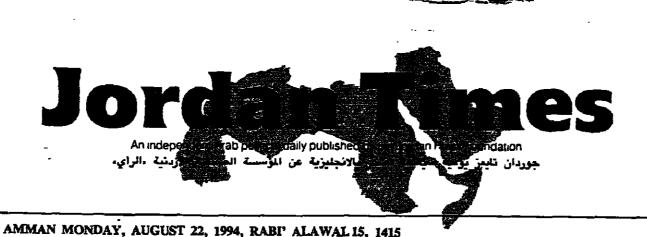
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syria, Turkey, Iran discuss Kurds

DAMASCUS (AP) - Turkey, Iran and Syria held talks here pamascos in moves to counter Kurdish attempts to gain grater antonomy in the region and stem inter-Kurdish fighting in nothern Iraq. The three neighbouring countries' foreign ministers, Montaz Soysal of Turkey, Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and gers, Minimizer Solysan of Francy, the Cascal Verlayan of Han and Paronk Al Sharaa of Syria, were scheduled to have one day of meetings. Mr. Solysal told reporters before the meeting that "the seein issue we have to concentrate on is the situation in northern main issue we have to concentrate on is the situation in northern issue. He said all three governments wanted to see a halt to the inter-Kurdish strife that has beset the autonomous Kurdish encise in northern Iraq and reportedly left scores dead. Several summers at a ceasefire in recent months have apparently failed to end clashes. "We have a common interest: the ending of this fighting," said Mr. Soysal. He added that "our approach to the ending of this fighting is different from the approach of others," he ending of this fighting is different from the approach of others, "he ending of this regularity is universal from the approach of others, ne said, without elaborating. Turkish diplomataic sources in Damasass also said Ankara's intensification of a bloody crackdown on the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) is high on the agenda.



Fateh links charter change to state

TUNIS (R) — Yasser Arafat's Fatch group, pitching demands for a Palestinian state back to centre stage, is to insist that Israel recognise such a state if it wants the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to purge its charter of clauses calling for the destruction of Israel. Sakhr Abu Nizar, a member of Fatch's Central Committee, said the decision had been taken on Saturday night at a meeting in Tunis chaired by the PLO leader who returned from the self-rule areas to discuss the issue with Palestinians still in exile (see page 12). "The charter cannot be amended without Israel's recognition of a Palestinian state. We cannot recognise Israel's right to exist without reciprocation which is Israel's recognition of the existence of a Palestinian state," Mr. Abu Nizar, a Fatch moderate who attended the meeting, told Reuters on Sunday. "Our decision was that Israeli forces should first redeploy in the West Bank, he replaced by Palestinian police, then there would be elections, then the Palestine National Council would meet and discuss both the charter's amendment and proclamation of Palestinian independence," Abu Nizar said.

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King: Decision on ties with Palestinians only after they gain their democratic rights

Hashemite links with Jerusalem predate the establishment of Jordan and Israel

AMMAN (Petra) - His Vajesty King Hussein has aid that it was premature to say anything about the future relations between Jordan and the Palestinian territories.

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"First the Palestinians should gain their democratic rights and afterwards we will see what we can do. So let us leave it to time to settle this problem, and we will respect the free choice of the Palestinians regardless of what deci-sion they take," King Hus-sein said in an interview with the German Der Spiegel

The King said that the special relations binding the Hashemite family to Jerusalem and the holy shrines there date back to the era before the establishment of krael and the Kingdom of Jordan, and that the Washington Declaration only affirms this reality rather than establishing it.

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had been detained pending

an investigation. The mayor

of Rafah complained by tele-

gram to Yasser Arafat.

Arafat, Mubarak

discuss self-rule

ALEXANDRIA (AFP)

Palestine Liberation Orga-

misation (PLO) Chairman

Yasser Arafat and Egyptian

President Hosni Mubarak ex-

amined problems hampering

self-rule at talks here Sunday

on the eve of a last PLO-

brzeli push to clinch a deal

on an early transfer of powers

on the West Bank. Mr. Ara-

fat arrived in Egypt Sunday

from Tunis, where he met PLO officials at his former

headquarters to review the

political and economic prob-

ems facing self-rule (see page 12). The PLO leader's talks

with Mr. Mubarak in the port

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Jordan had fought for Jerusalem and managed to save it in 1948, and after the 1967 tragedy when Israel took over the city of Jerusalem the Kingdom continued to meet its obligations towards the holy sites, said the King, noting that a new element has emerged, and that is the quest to separate between protecting the holy places — Islamic, Christian and Jewish

- and the political issues.

"If this quest succeeds, Jerusalem will indeed become the city of peace for all, but this cannot affect negotiations on the future of the city between the Palestinian leadership and Israel," he said. Jordan, he said, has taken the initiative in this regard to guarantee that no confusion takes place until all parties reach a satisfactory solution.

Following is an unofficial

'Jordan seeks just peace'

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, stressed Sunday that Jordan was seeking to achieve a just and durable peace acceptable to future generations.

Addressing a meeting of senior officers at the Royal Jordanian Air Force held at the Air Force headquarters, the King said: "We are now at the threshold of a new era in which we will be in need of our Air Force and the Armed Forces which must be well aware of its duty and responsibility in the coming stage." "Our efforts are continuing

to overcome the difficult stage so as to attain a better future," the King added. The recent developments at the political level, which prompted Jordan to take cer-

Rothschild said that Israel

tain moves, the King said: "We acted after other parties followed their paths towards a new horizon which we hope will attain a just and comprehensive peace that will open the way for people to have a chance to live in better circumstances than we had witnessed in our lives."

He said after the other parties, "including our Palestinian kinsmen, had taken their steps towards peace we felt that the time has come for us to tackle our own problems, regain our rights, exercise our sovereignty over our terri-tory, regain our water rights and create the climate for the future generationse to live a decent life in their home-

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Majali: No tension with PLO Jordan-PLO talks open in an air of goodwill

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordanian and Palestinian officials began meetings here Sunday after months of suspended coordination between the two sides with a new spirit of goodwill that Jordanian officials hope will spill over positively into their specialised economic, political, administrative and security talks.

The high-level Palestinian delegation, headed by Minister of Culture and Information Yasser Abed Rabbo, met with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali early Sunday before breaking up into four committees that will try to deal with outstanding problems between the two sides and especially on the economic level. The talks continued later Sunday and

were to resume Monday. The Palestinian delegation includes Minister of Finance Mohammad Zuhdi Nashashibi, Minister of Education Yasser Amer, Minister of Justice Freih Abu Meddain, Minister of Post and Communications Abdul Hafiz Al Ashhab. Secretary General of the Interior Ministry Ahmad Bayoud Al Tamimi. and the head of the Palestinian side to the Israeli-Palestinian coordination committee, Jamil Tarifi.

Speaking to reporters after a round of talks Sunday morning, Dr. Majali said he hoped for "pragmatism in addressing the serious issues so that we are able to achieve our objectives.

Dr. Majali denied that there was "tension" as such between the Palestinian and Jordanian sides, but he said there was "difference in opinion sometimes over a particular subject."

"There is no tension be-Majali said. "We are brothers... sometimes there is a difference in opinion over a particular subject, but it doesn't turn into tension, because tension would hurt both sides."

Relations between Jordan and the Palestinian leadership have been strained since the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) secretly reached an agreement with Israel in Oslo marginalising both its own negotiating team to the hilateral talks and londan, which was providing an umbrella for the IsraeliPalestinian negotiations. But despite its dismay at

the PLO's move, Jordan had tried to reconcile itself to the Oslo accords and has repeatedly called on the Palestinians to coordinate their moves with the Kingdom. The PLO, since then, has made only "cursory

attempts" to coordinate steps leading the Kingdom to also pursue its own interests with Israel, especially since the PLO had stalled over signing an economic pact with Jordan which would have protected the Jordanian dinar, the main currency in the occupied territories, and preserved the

with the West Rank When Jordan signed its non-belligerency declaration with Israel last month, including a recognition of Jordan's special role in guarding the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, the PLO went public

with its criticism of Jordan. Jordanian officials contacted by the Jordan Times said the Palestinian delegation, which arrived here early Sunday, appeared to be ready to be "more pragmatic" in its dealings with Jor-

One senior Jordanian offi-

cial said he did not know whether the team "had a mandate from PLO leadership to conclude agreements," but that the tone of their meeting with Dr. Majali appeared "encouraging."

They have told us that now that they have tried and found out how difficult it is to take control of their own affairs, they understood why we were insisting on coordination," one Jordanian source told the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity.
"We think that their ex-

perience with running the affairs of the self-rule authority has made them underdreams cannot easily translate into reality," the official said.

"We have a feeling that this time we will actually get down to what has to be done and leave behind us the times of unnecessary sensitivities," said another official who also spoke on condition of anony-

One of the main contentions between Jordan and the Palestinians was over the Palestinian perception that Jordan was hindering their

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Row over arms delays Palestinian police GAZA (R) — Palestinian self-rule corridor opening

police in the Gaza Strip shot dead a 15-year-old boy returning from a wedding apparently by accident, Palestinian sources and Israel – A TOW OVET Adio said Sunday. The radio Palestinians carrying said Salah Al Shaar was shot weapons through Israel has during a scuffle on Saturday delayed the opening of pasnight in Rafah refugee camp sages between the new selfafter police stopped a car rule areas of Gaza and carrying youngsters from a weekling. Palestinian sources Jericho, Palestinian and Israeli security officials said said the shooting appeared to on Sunday. be an accident. The police commander in Rafah told routes between the Gaza community leaders all seven Strip and West Bank enclave members of the police patrol

of Jericho was to have opened on Sunday. But Israel objects to Palestinians keeping their

weapons as they cross the Jewish state. "The main obstacle is that Israel does not want PLO (Palestine Liberation Orga-

routes," a senior Palestinian security official said. "But we insist that the (self-rule) agreement gives us the right to carry our arms,"

would not permit the passage of armed Palestinians between Gaza and Jericho. The first of four secure "It is clear to the Palestinians that we will not allow the passage of armed men through the territory of the

state of Israel," Gen. Roth-schild told Israel Radio. PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath said after talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Alexandria, Egypt, last week that Israel would open passages on Sun-

nisation) leaders, their body guards, senior policemen or Under the May autonomy security officials to carry arms while using the safe accord Israel guaranteed safe passage during daylight for people and vehicles with permits across the roughly 50 kilometres of Israeli territory separating Gaza from the

southern end of the West Bank. said the official, who re-"Israel was supposed to quested anonymity.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM osal that weapons of PLO sages between Jericho and leaders and distinguish personalities be transported plemented, but they keep dein an Israeli vehicle accomlaying it," the Palestinian security official said. panying their cars," he said. Israeli negotiator Danany

"We have not agreed on details yet because Israel says it has its own interpretation of the accord."

He said the accord states that "special arrangements will apply with respect to passage of Palestinian leaders, senior Palestinian authority officials and distinguished personalities."

"That is why we insist that PLO leaders, senior policemen and security officials have the right to carry arms,' he added.

Gen. Rothschild said meanwhile Israel and the PLO will initial an accord in Cairo this week on the early transfer of power to the Palestinians in the West Bank.

One or two more days may be needed to draft the accord, Gen. Rothschild told Israeli radio.

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port of Haifa the main outlet

He said a Jordanian marine

company has already ex-

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Iraqi pipeline that used to

the sanctions against Bagh-

dad, news reports said Sun-

for Iraqi oil to Europe.

Gaza Strip have seen a drastic drop in attacks on Israelis there, an Israeli general was quoted as saying Sunday.

Israel Radio quoted Major General Matan Vilnai, the southern commander, as saying there were 120 armed attacks in the three months prior to the Israeli pullout on May 18, but 40 in the three

peace process. Fundamentalists opposed to the peace have claimed responsibility for the attacks. Palestinian police have said they do not want to risk civil war by taking up arms against the attackers.

Gen. Vilnai was speaking during a visit to the Gush According to army figures

May 4 and Aug. 13, 1994, nine petrol bombs were thrown, compared with 283 in the previous three months. Over the same period there were 55 shootings, against 77

Four bombs were set off, against 52 before autonomy, and only three grenades were thrown, compared with nine three months leading up to self-rule none were killed but

47 were wounded. In the past three months no Palestinians have been killed in the Strip by Israeli soldiers and only 23 wounded, com-pared with 23 killed and 259 wounded before.

over security from the army when it withdrew and redeployed troops around the settlements on the Strip.

"Israel is exerting intensive pressure on the PLO leadership to wage an actual war

glers who oppose the farce of self-rule," the Tishrin daily "Hardly a day passes without Israeli officials demanding PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat fight without mer-

cy what they call 'terrorism'." it indicated. APalestinian youth was killed Saturday in the West Bank town of Ramallah in protests organised by the fun-

others were injured. Israel has urged the Palestinians to rein in Islamic fundamentalists opposed to the Middle East peace pro-

PLO leadership of abandoning Palestinian rights and forsaking the lives of those who fought Israel in favour of an 'illusive authority which has no existence in reality."

French woman attacked as Algeria parties meet

ALGIERS (Agencies) — A 65-year-old French woman was injured Sunday in an attack near her home in northwest Algeria, medical sources said, the latest in a series of attacks on expatriates in the country.

Witnesses said four men carried out the attack in Sig. 400 kilometres west of the capital, then fled. Further details were not

immediately available. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, but the locality is considered a fief of Emir Benaicha of the Islamic Salvation Army, though to be an umbrella organisation bringing together armed groups.

The attack came weeks after the slaving of five Frenchmen in the capital. The Armed Islamic Group, considered the most radical group, claimed responsibility for that attack, part of its strategy to rid the country of what it says are pagan outsiders.

More than 4,000 people have been killed in some 30 months of violence. Of those, 58 have been foreigners - 15 of them French.

Medical sources in Sig, speaking on condition of anonymity, identified Sunday's victim as Marie-Jose Rolande Deiderio. They said she was injured in the neck, but was expected to survive. Security forces did not immediately confirm the attack.

it came as president Liamine Zeroual opened a meeting Sunday with five opposition parties in a new effort to end the crisis pitting the country against itself. Three parties invited to the "dialogue" refused to attend, and the key player, the Islamic Salvation Front, was not asked to join.

The banned movement. the most popular force in the country, is credited with backing the "jihad." The front's deputy leader.

Ali Belhadj, jailed since June 1991, demanded "recognition" and "respect" for armed groups in a letter to Mr. Zeroual, according to the front which this weekend made public a resume of the July 22 letter. The National Liberation

Front (FLN) the former ruling party, agreed to attend the meeting while expressing scepticism about its outcome. Other parties attending were: The Movement for Democracv in Algeria, of former president Ahmad Ben Bella, the Algerian Renewal Party and two moderate Islamic parties. Hamas and Al Nahdah.

Those refusing to attend were the Front for Socialist Forces, which wants the Islamic Salvation Front associated with discussions, and two parties vehemently opposed to political Islam. the Rally for Culture and Democracy and the former pro-communist party, now known as Ettabaddi,

FLN Secretary General Abdul Hamid Mehri told a news conference his party would pull out if "this dialogue is destined like those in the past to cover decisions. taken in advance.

A series of talks arranged since September 1992 by Mr. Zeroual's predecessors have

"We reject an Israeli propsecure the use of safe pas-Palestinians, Israel plan to buy oil from Iraq, report says ary because Israelis aspire in

KUWAIT (AP) - The Palestinians are negotiating a deal with Iraq to purchase oil at discount prices despite the U.N. embargo on Baghdad, a Kuwaiti newspaper reported

The Al Siyassah daily quoted a Palestinian source close to the economic cooperation negotiations with Israel as saying the Palestinian self-rule authority wants to buy 25,000 barrels of oil a day from Iraq.

The amount would be added to the 50,000 barrels a day Jordan gets from Iraq with the approval of the U.N. committee overseeing enforcement of the embargo, imposed after Iraq's 1990 in-

vasion of Kuwait. He said the U.N. Sanctions Committee overseeing the embargo is likely to approve the arrangement. "They don't seem con-

cerned because the amount is

so small and the price is so low," the source said. The source, who was reached by telephone in Amman, said Yasser Arafat's self-rule administration would pay \$9 a barrel for the oil, trucked in by an Iraqi-Jordanian transport company

and processed at Jordan's Al Zarka refinery. The source said the deal would save the anthority \$195

million a year by not having to purchase petroleum products on the more expensive Israeli market. The source repeated

asssertions made in Israeli newspapers of secret contacts in Europe between Israel and Iraq over a deal involving oil sales and diplomatic ties. The deal would allow Baghdad, which is desperately seeking an end to the economically devastating embargo, to win

favour in the West. Both Israel and Iraq have denied any contact, and Israeli media have since reported that U.S. opposition to the dialogue has brought it to an end.

But Al Siyassah quoted the source as saying the two sides were negotiating an agreement whereby the Jewish state can buy 100,000 barrels of oil a day for local consumption.

The source suggested that

Iraq would charge a higher

price to the Israelis than to

the Palestinians. But he

added the domestic use sti-

pulation "would be tempor-

pump oil from Iraq across Jordan to Haifa. Pakistani offer Pakistan has offered to mediate between Iraq and Kuwait in an attempt to end

> The offer was made to Iraq's Foreign Minister Mohammad Saced Al Sahaf. who is visiting Pakistan as part of a sweep through the capitals of several countries on the U.N. Security Council

(see page 2).

"We are the only country in the region which has excellent relations with both Kuwait and Iraq," the English-language newspaper the Dawn quoted Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sardar Assef Ali as saying.

Israel reports drop in violence after autonomy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Three months of Palestinian autonomy in the

months since. Gen. Vilnai was responding

to Israeli critics of the peace process who have said recent-ly that attacks have increased since the pullout, the radio said. He was known for his scepticism towards autonomy prior to its implementation. Israeli leaders have warned the Palestinians to rein in the attacks, which have left five Israelis dead, or risk the

Katif Jewish settlement block in Gaza. obtained by AFP, between

before, and six stabbings compared with 14.

Since May 4, four Israeli soldiers have been killed and 34 wounded, whereas in the

Palestinian police took

A government-run Syrian newspaper said Sunday Israel is trying to foment "an actual war" between the PLO and opponents of Palestinian self-

against the Palestinian strugsaid in an editorial.

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Tishrin also accused the

bidden.

CAIRO (Agencies) — The arrest of Carlos the Jackal has présented the Egyptian media with a golden opportunity to heap accusations on Khartoum over Sudan's alleged links to "internation-

For the past five days the media has had a field day, joining forces to highlight the 'special ties" between Carlos and the Islamic junta led by General Omar Al Bashir.

Egypt accuses Sudan of training Islamic extremists on its territory and relations between the two countries have also been severely strained

over a border dispute.
"The Sudanese regime, not content with terrorising its oeople (..) also thought it could terrorise the whole world by exporting terrorism through mercenaries who are trained to betray and to kill," said Drahim Seada, editor of the week! Akhbar Al Yom, in a commercial, Saturday. He added that Call Standard

arrived in Sudan from beirut at the end of 1995.

Sudan's call to the Unit 1 States to strike it hom: blacklist of countries supporting "terrorism" after it hand-ed Carlos over to France was dismissed in the press here as 'nonsense.'

And the U.S. decision to ignore the demand, despite the international acclaim for Carlos' capture, was warmly welcomed in the Egyptian capital.

State television broadcast four times on Friday a secret recording to Carlos apparently living it up at a party in

The hidden camera had caught Carlos "surrounded by beautiful women at parties where the alcohol flowed freely," the commentator

It stressed that this "contradicts the Sudanese regime, said the extradition was in which claims to enforce Sharobservance of international ia" or Islamic law, under conventions. which alcohol is strictly for-

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Carlos the daily Al Ahram Al

Massai wrote: 'Sudan has to

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ists and not just one," if it

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It also charged that Sudan

had given refuge to a Saudi

militant fundamentalist, Osa-

ma Ben Laden, suspected of

funding extremist groups

operating in Egypt.
In 1992 Muslim militants

launched a violent campaign

to topple the secular govern-

ment of President Hosni Mubarak, in which about 400

people have been killed so

lished an editorial Friday by

Ibrahim Nafee, who is close

to Mr. Mubarak, saying that "according to recent and pre-

cise information, Iran forced

Sudan to extradite Carlos to

for the "extradition of two

manian leaders by France to

dited to Iran two Iranian

nationals wanted by Switzer-

land to face charges for the

murder of an Iranian opposi-

tion leader, Kazem Rajavi.

Liberation Army (SPLA) has

accused France of providing

Khartoum with military

assistance in exchange for Carlos, and charged that

Sudan "remains one of the

nerve-centres of modern ter-

The rebel Sudan People's

In December France extra-

The daily Al Ahram pub-

rorism" blacklist.

Carlos was arrested while undergoing liposuction to remove fat from around his waist, the Sunday Observer of London reported.

The newspaper quoted a Sudanese doctor in Cairo as saying Carlos had been admitted to a private hospital in Khartoum and that French agents seized him after he was rendered unconscious by anaesthetic.

Carlos, whose real name is Illich Ramirez Sanchez, was arrested last week in Sudan and extradited to France to stand trial for attacks authorities allege he carried out during his left-wing guerrilla campaigns of the 1970s and

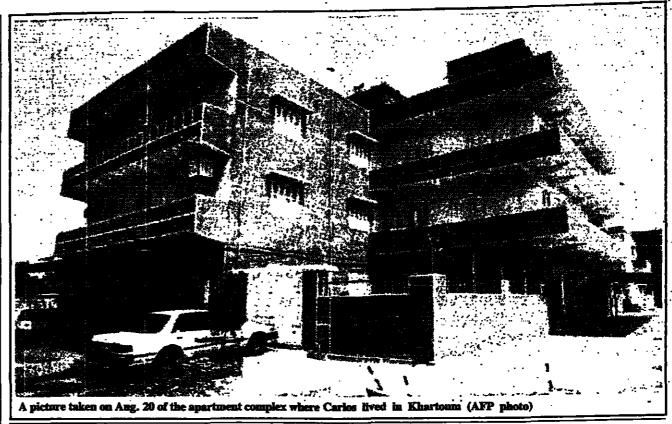
The Observer said the dumpy Carlos had been admitted to a hospital run by Sudan's National Islamic Front for liposuction, a common cosmetic operation in which doctors vacuum fat out from under the skin.

But once he was anaesthetised, French agents took him

Authorities have not said how Carlos was arrested and there has been intense speculation about who told authorities where he was and how the French government persuaded the Sudanese to

Lawyers for the Venecian-born Carlos say he was arrested illegally and that he was drugged. France and Sudan have re-

peatedly denied any deal in the capture of Carlos, who bombed his way to a grue-some notoriety in the 1970s and 1980s.



Iraq is ready to agree on U.N. The Security Council im-

ISLAMABAD (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Saeed Al Sahaf told Pakistan on Saturday that Baghdad was ready to agree on a package to have the U.N. Gulf crisis trade blockade lifted, the Pakistani government

Mr. Sahaf, who is visiting certain Security Council member states to canvass support for ending sanctions, made his comment during talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Assef Ahmad Ali, the government said in a

But the statement gave no details of the package.

Mr. Ali said Iraq had made

what he called appreciable progress in implementing Security Council resolutions.

But the statement quoted him as referring to "difficulties that persisted in the Security Council on the question of a clear recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity, recognition of the borders and the concern about the Kuwaitis missing in action."

It quoted Mr. Sahaf as saying that Iraq was "ready to agree on a package within the framework of the Security Council resolutions that would meet all these con-

Arab-American group denounces reported

posed the trade blockade shortly after Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait. It has linked its lifting to Iraqi compliance with the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire terms, including scrapping its weapons on mass destruction.

Pakistan, which sent 11,000 troops to help defend Saudi Arabia as part of a U.S.-led coalition that drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait, has observed the Gulf crisis trade

Mr. Ali said it had adopted "constructive approach in the Security Council in order to alleviate the sufferings of

the Iraqi people and to bring stability to the region."

He said Pakistan would favourably examine the package proposal when it is

The statement said Mr. Sahaf briefed Mr. Ali on Iraqi steps to implement the various Security Council re-solutions, "including Iraq's readiness to comply with the requirements of long-term monitoring" of its weapons systems — at one time a stumbling block.

A Foreign Ministry spokes-man said Mr. Sahaf might also meet Pakistani Prime. Minister Benazir Bhutto.

violation of rights of Arab Palestinians, Muslims and

Christians in the city of Jeru-

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He said one of the major tasks of his U.N. office was to work with the United Nations Development Programmle (UNDP) to make separate contacts with the donors and

"My office has been setting up contracts with donors that are easy to understand :where the UNDP guarantees transparency and accounta-bility with the donors — and then we negotiate with the Palestinian side," Mr. Roed

Jerusalem and to impose

Since his arrival in Gaza in July, Mr. Roed Larsen has managed to persuade donors to start pumping money for job-creating projects in Gaza Strip such as a \$19 million

Mr. Roed Larsen said he came to live in Gaza Strip for the five-year interim period of self-rule to help ensure the

He has held extensive talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on facilitating the work of U.N. bodies which support the Palestinian economy.

Mr. Roed Larsen also said Sunday this year's Nobel Peace Prize should be shared by two Palestinian and two Israeli leaders.

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But Sudan has strongly de-Cost of Turkey's Kurdish war scales new heights

ANKARA (R) - A pro- hardline tactics. Earlier this Kurdish newspaper, citing than it said were internal Turkish government figures. painted a devastating picture on Saturday of the human and economic cost of the 10-year guerrilla war with Kurdish separatists.

The Istanbul daily Ozgur Ulke, quoting what it said was a report by the political National Security Council, said almost 22,000 people, double most estimates, have been killed in fighting in the largely Kurdish southeast.

Many of those killed in the hit-and-run war were civilians, it said.

Entitled "The Kurdish Problem," the study also put the cost of a decade of war, including lost economic activity in the impoverished region, at \$179 billion, the newspaper said.

Nevertheless, the document suggested no let-up in the iron-fist approach: There is no turning back from this stage, and the struggle against the (separatists) will continue."

There was no way to confirm the authenticity of the study, and Ozgur Ulke which is close to the banned separatists Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) - said only that it came from a source on the National Security Council.

Officials at the security council, a powerful advisory body dominated by top military commanders, could not be reached for comment. Publication of the figures appeared to be part of a

campaign to pressure the

government to abandon its

week PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan marked the 10th anniversary of the Middle East's deadliest war with an offer of a ceasefire and eventual talks.

According to the report, 11.750 soldiers, police, village guards and their families have died in fighting between the PKK's military wing and higher than public statements by the government.

Of these more than 4,000 were village guards, selected and paid by the state, family members and other civilians. At the same time, it put the

separatists' losses at 6.443 PKK fighters and another 3.330 civilian sympathisers. who the document said were branded as "terrorists" after their deaths.

Some 960 villages have been emptied, wholly or in part, in the army's campaign to deprive th PKK fighters of sanctuary among the general population. Another 39 villages have been the target of army attacks, or "operations.

Government officials have put the annual cost of the counter-insurgency at \$7 billion a year, with total losses at around 12,500 people.

With limited access to the remote fighting and a fullscale propaganda war waged by both sides, it is impossible to assess the true extent of casualties or damage.

Nevertheless, there were signs that Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, who has vowed to finish off the PKK, and her coalition partners are having



Tansu Ciller

News accounts of a visit this week to the southeast by Ms. Cilier and senior ministers said the government was prepared to reevaluate ele-

ments of its get-tough policy.
Interior Minister Nahit Mentese was quoted by Hurriyet newspaper as saying the evacuation drive had been abused. "Of course there are some villages where the authorities have gone a bit too far," he said.

Ms. Ciller's deputy, Murat Karayalcin, pledged to review the policy upon his return to Ankara, the newspaper said.

The Associated Press adds: Some 17 million Kurds live in Turkey, Iran, Syria and the three governments have been wary of the U.N.-backed experiment in Kurdish autonomy which followed the 1991 Gulf war.

The Iraqi Kurdish enclave is protected by U.N. guards and U.S., British and French warplanes based in Turkey. Full statehood for the three million Kurds in northern Iraq could encourage their brethren elsewhere to push for greater self-rule or inde-

embassy moves to Jerusalem, calls for action By a Jordan Times While Israel claims the city as its capital and has vowed

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — An Arab-American lobbying group on Sunday denounced reported moves by three Latin American countries to shift their embassies to Jerusalem and called on Arab countries to seek an urgent U.N. Security Council debate on the issue. The Jordan office of the Washington-based American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), in a statement issued here, also called for sanctions Bolivia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic if they moved their embassies to Jerusalem in an explicit recognition of Israel's claim to the Holy City as its "eternal, indivisible capital."

The status of Jerusalem, holy to Muslims, Christians and Jews, is the most difficult issues facing the Arabs and Israel in the 34-month-old

BEIRUT (AP) — The suspected mastermind of the fat-

al kidnapping of U.S. Marine Colonel William R. Higgins

in 1988 has died in a myste-

rious car accident in Tehran.

The Arabic-language Al Shiraa weekly quoted un-named knowledgable sources

in Tehran as saying Munzer

Hassan Rammal perished in

what "seemed to be a pre-

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The report could not be

idnependently verified. Al Shiraa gained fame in 1986

for revealing the Iran-contra

affair in which President

Ronald Reagan sold weapons

to Iran to win the release of

U.S. hostages, then channel-

a magazine reported

never to relinquish its grip on the city, the Palestinians see the Arab eastern part of Jeru-salem as the capital of their future independent state.

Jordan, which plays a historic religious role vis-a-vis the Islamic shrines in Jerusalem, supports the Palestinian quest for political sovereignty over the Holy City and favours a multireligious approach to the issue of the holy shrines of the three religions there.

nise Israel's claim to Jerusalem as its capital and refuse to move their missions to the Holy City. Even the U.S. Israel's

guardian ally, does not accept the Jewish state's claim. Reports said last week that Bolivia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic had come under Israeli pressure to move the missions or face

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Rammal was a security

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in South Lebanon when Hig-gins was abudeted Feb. 17,

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Al Shiraa said the

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The ADC statement said:

The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, regional office for the Middle East in Amman, condemns and rejects outright this measure and believes that it constitutes a blatant breach of the U.N. resolutions on the status of Jeru-

"The ADC warns that moving the embassies to Jerusalem would only add complications to a very sensitive issue and jeopardises the "The unilateral measure

taken by these three countries defies all U.N. resolutions on Jerusalem. The ADC calls upon the

governments of Bolivia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic not to yield to the Israeli blackmail and to abide by U.N. resolutions. "The ADC wishes to state to these three countries that

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move. "ADC further calls upon the concerned U.N. agencies to interfere immediately to stop this serious breach of the

international legitimacy." Suspected mastermind of Higgins' abduction killed the 1980s, after the longest-

held and last U.S. hostage, Terry Anderson, was freed in December 1991. Mr. Anderson was chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press showed Higgins dangling from a makeshift gallows. The group said he had when he was abducted in Beirut March 16, 1985.

His release signalled the end of the hostage-taking saga that characterised the latter years of Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war. More than 90 Westerners

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were kidnapped between U.S. intelligence reports have said Higgins died earlier 1983 and 1991. Some were freed after a few days, several died in captivity and a hand-ful escaped. Most were re-Al Shiraa said Rammal was taken to Tehran, along with leased under deals negotiated other Hizbollah activists linkby their governments or U.N. ed to the hostage-taking of mediators.

U.N. envoy seeks aid for 10 dril **Palestinian** economy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — One year after the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace deal was secretly signed in Oslo, the Norwegian middle. man in the talks appealed on Saturday for rapid world aid to help Palestinians cement self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. Terje Roed Larsen, a for-

mer adviser to the Norwegian foreign ministry and the newly-appointed U.N. special coordinator in the Middle East, told Reuters that poverty was the worst enemy of the peace accord.

He said disbursement of donor funds in Gaza and Jericho, which came under self-rule in May, had been too slow. International donors have pledged \$2.4 billion to help the PLO develop and assert control over the

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"This political settlement will fail if the economic (problems) are not solved." Mr. Roed Larsen said. "My message to the donors

is that we have to fight on three battle fronts to keep tile self-rule experiment from collapsing, the political front. the economic and the general welfare." The donors have sought

guarantees of transparency and accountability from the PLO to ensure their money would be used properly in development projects.

"One of the problems fac-ing the self-rule deal has been the bridging mechanism between the donors and the Palestinian recipients, and it is very complicated," Mr. Roed Larsen said.

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Larsen said.

"So donors put the money in the UNDP account and goes to the Palestinian anday, and we monitor projects." he said.

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WEATHER

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Hot weather conditions will prevail with winds northeasterly moderate. In Agaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

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AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Sunday approved the setting up of a ministerial form one year at from the Throne, to be deli-Organisation (Pt G) pursue at the opening of the Ministry of Organisation (Pt G) pursuent in October.

Finance, Interior, State for Foreign Affairs, Industry and Trade as well as Culture.

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Public Works and Housing. Mr. Jaghbir was director general of the Government Tenders Department.

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The Council of Ministers also approved an amendment to the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) employees systems and another amendment to the allowances system of the Social Security Corporation (SSC).

The amendment provides for granting the corporation's employees a 10 per cent raise provided that the raise will not be less than JD 10.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received a cable from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf congratulating him on Prophet Mohammad's birthday. Mr. Diouf wished the King good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity.

Royal Decree approves JIC chief appointment

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree Sunday was issued approving a Cabinet decision appointing Mohammad Ali Saad Al Batayneh as director general of the Jordan Investment Corporation (JIC) as of Aug. 1, 1994.

Festival preparations

Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein, president of the Royal Jordanian Arabian Thoroughbred Society, and chairperson of the Arab Society of Arabian Horses, Sunday chairs a meeting for participants in the Fifth Arabian Horse Festival which will be held in Jordan. Participating in the festival are several Arab and foreign countries. Princess Alia stressed the importance of providing the necessary care of Arabian horses and reviewed the activities of the festival. She said seven Arab countries in addition to Jordan will participate in the Sept. 20-24 event which will include races and a showjumping championship. Princess Alia said the festival will include a 43-kilometre marathon race which will start from Al Harraneh Palace in. Muwwagar and end at Amra Palace. The festival will be held in cooperation with the ministries of Youth, Tourism and Antiquities, Agriculture, Public Works and Housing, and Yarmouk University and the Greater Amman Munici-

RJ prepares to resume Aden flights

AMMAN (Petra) - Royal Jordanian (RJ) has made arrangements to resume flights to Aden airport in Yemen as soon as the airport is re-opened, an official source at the national air carrier said Sunday. The official said the airport, closed during the Yemem civil war, is expected to re-open next week. The source said that RJ was one of the first airlines to resume flights to the Sanaa airport after the end of the civil war.

Factory management programme starts

AMMAN (Petra) — Institute of Public Administration Director General Zuhair Al Kayed Sunday opened at Amra Hotel in Amman a programme on projects and financial management for workers in Arab cement factories and companies. Dr. Rayed said participants in the weeklong programme will discuss various issues related to managing projects, international standards and specifications, planning and financial analysis.

Jordan to attend conference in India

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan wili participate in an international conference to be organised by the Indian Council on International Affairs, due to start in India Aug. 24. Participants in the three-day conference will discuss issues related to the United Nations peace-keeping efforts around the world and economic systems. Jordan will be represented at the conference by Vice-President of the International Affairs Society Taher Hikmat.

Orphans summer camp ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A summer camp for orphaned children organised by the United Nations Relief and and Works Agency (UNRWA), the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and the Papal Mission in Amman concluded Sunday at UNRWA's Teachers Training Colege. About 265 orphaned Palestinian refugees took part in the activities of the two-week camp. It aimed to train the participants on the use of computers, arts, handicrafts, science, tackwondo and music. The camp is held annually by the YWCA since it was launched 23 years ago.

Special computer training course opens

AMMAN (Petra) - A training course on the uses of computers in managing projects started at the Jordan Management Institute. The course, in which several directors of government and private sector institutions are participating, aims to acquaint the participants with means of managing and distributing resources, drawing plans and timetables and cost calculations through the use of compu-

Sudanese team visits educational centre

AMMAN (Petra) — A Sudanese delegation Sunday visited the National Centre for Educational Research and Development to get familiarised with the centre's experiment in establishing educational database systems and their uses, in order to establish similar systems in Sudan. The delegation was received by Centre Director Victor Billeh who briefed the members on the duties of the centre. The delegation's four-day visit to Jordan comes as part of existing cooperation between the centre and the Sudanese Ministry of Education and aims to pave the way for launching a joint project under which the centre will offer technical assistance to the Sudanese Ministry of Education. The programme is expected to last for two years.

Social education programme begins

MADABA (Petra) -- The Bani Hamida Local Development Centre Sunday launched a social education programme to benefit trainees enrolled at other courses in the centre. Fifteen women are participating in the programme which aims to educate them on health, religious and social issues in addition to the role of the centre and the Ministry of Social Development. As part of the activities of the programme, the participants will hear lectures and receive practical training on voluntary work and will be familiarised with the role of educated and qualified women in developing the society.

Planned women's society endorses its system

DEIR ABEE SAEED (Petra) - The constituent assembly of Al Koura District Women's Society held a meeting Sunday and endorsed the basic system of the society. Constituent assembly member Rima Tashman expressed hope that the system will be approved by the concerned authorities soon to enable the society to commence work since the district thus far does not have a women's society. Ms. Tashman said the society aims to help women in establishing income-generating projects and to help the handicapped in the district.

Polluted salt destroyed in Deir Abee Saeed

DEIR ABEE SAEED (Petra) — The Deir Abee Saeed Health Department Sunday destroyed 750 kilogrammes of polluted salt after the quantity was unfit for consumption. The department said samples of salt purchased by bakery owners in the Deir Abee Saeed district from Al Azraq Cooperative Society were examined at its laboratories after complaints by the bakers. It said its personnel are continuing to take other samples from the various areas of the district to check if there are still other polluted quantities. The department said the bakery owners will be compensated for all destroyed quantities.

Sharia Sciences course to start

AMMAN (Petra) - A three-day conference on "Islamic Sharia Sciences at Universities — Reality and Aspiration" Tuesday will open at the Jordanian Arabic Language Academy. The conference, organised by the International Islamic Thought Institute, the Islamic Studies and Research Centre and the universities of Jordan, Yarmouk, and Muta, will focus on the need to develop sharia sciences and the relations of these sciences to the Arabic language and humanitarian and social sciences. Renowned profes-sors and scholars from Jordan and other Arab and Islamic countries will participate in the conference.

WHAT'S GOING ON

☆ Children's play entitled "Long Live the Dead Sea" at the Royal Cultural Centre on 20:00.

NOVEL RECITAL

Novel recital by novelist Tal'at Shana'a at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture at 20:00.

EXHIBITIONS

.☆ Children's school needs exhibition at the Amman Intersational Auto Exhibition, Airport Road (12:00 noon-

11:00 p.m.) (Tel. 714211). * Painting on copper exhibition by Mohammad Judi at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture (Tel. 695291).

☆ "The Child's World Festival 1994" (containing all children needs) at the World Exhibition Center, University Road (Tel. 643844).

★ Exhibition of painting by several Jordanian artists entitled "The Fact Between Paintings and Viewers As Viewed By Artist" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

 ★ Exhibition of new paintings by Diana Shamounki at The Gallery, Jordan Inter. Continental Hotel (8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.)

☆ Exhibition of oil paintings by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Balqa' Art Gallery in Fuheis (10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.)

★ Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Utheina (Tel. 826932).

PLO officials against amending charter

(Continued from page 12) their role in anti-Israeli attacks would be allowed in for the duration of a meeting. In Geneva, Mr. Arafat met with the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sulan Al Nahyan, on Saturday in an apparent attempt to

Gulf war. No details about the talks Rete immediately available but sources in Tunis said the PLO leader was seeking to persuade Sheikh Zayed, who is vacationing in the Swiss city, to resume transferring

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PLO support for Iraq in the

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salaries of Palestinians working in the UAE, to the PLO. The UAE stopped collections, which amounted to some \$9 million, last month. Arab diplomats in Abu Dhabi indicated this was because the Palestinians now have their own authority and can do their own collecting but other sources said the move followed Mr. Arafat's criticism of Arab states for not doing enough to support the

struggling authority. Mr. Arafat told reporters that he had had "important discussions" with Sheikh Zayed, but declined to divulge details.

Iraqi oil could flow again this spring

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Iraq-born cabinet ministers Moshe Shahal and tional intermediary between Israel and Arab countries. Benyamin Ben Eliezer as Mr. Aziz's visit to Morocco both the architects and particame days after Jordanian cipants in talks with unnamed officials made public state-'Iraqi officials." ments saying that no comprehensive peace in the region

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on birth control, says minister Seminar opens to analyse fertility data

Parents need to be educated

Minister Khaled Ghzawi Sunday called for educating parents on birth control, with a view to protecting mothers'

Addressing the opening session of a five-day seminar on analysing fertility data in Jordan, the minister said that the population growth in the Kingdom exceeds the natural growth in the country, and that was largely due to the high fertility rate on the one hand and the waves of migration of people into the country on the other.

He said that these facts ought to be taken into account by planners and decision makers in all matters related to population and development.

Birth control methods which should be in line with social and Islamic traditions are required not only to safeguard mothers' health but also to save the Jordanian society, added Mr. Ghzawi.

The minister also called for protecting society from chronic diseases which cost a great deal to treat and which drain the country's resources adding that the education of families can help achieve this

Noting that population growth was linked to de-velopment in the social and economic fields, the minister said fertility is considered the most important element affecting both population growth and socio-economic development.

Khaled Ghzawi

Fifteen participants representing several government ministries and public organisations are taking part in nised by the National Population Commission (NPC) in cooperation with the U.N. Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

Working papers to be re-viewed at the meeting cover population issues measuring fertility rates, strategies and policies related to population

in Jordan. Nabih Salameh, the NPC secretary general, addressed the meeting outlining the commission's activities at the national level.

He said the commission was addressing questions related to spreading public awareness concerning population issues and development, with the purpose of helping the country link population growth with development requirements.

Interior minister outlines benefits, problems of decentralisation

ZARQA (Petra) - The application of decentralisation policies in the Kingdom faces three problems: upgrading and modernising laws and regulations, financing, and recruiting qualified person-nel, said Interior Minister

Salameh Hammad Sunday. Addressing the opening session of a workshop on the future of decentralisation in Jordan, Mr. Hammad said the Interior Ministry was trying to deal with these issues in cooperation with the ministries of Planning, and Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment.

Through decentralisation, Jordan hopes to achieve a qualitative improvement in public administration services, cut red tape and avoid complications and routine work in public offices, Mr. Hammad said at the opening of the meeting which was sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

When the government embarked on applying the decentralisation system. many people showed apprehension; but the picture is now clear and the Ministry of interior has started drafting budgets for the various governorates under the system, said the minister.

Noting that Zarqa was chosen as the first governo-rate where decentralisation is to be applied, Mr. Hammad said that the city of Zarga has been the main recipient of population waves after Amman, especially people re-turning from the Gulf, and it has been facing many problems related to reorganisation and planning as well as issues connected with stateowned land and environment-related prob-

The minister said that the Zarqa Governorate has also been facing enormous population growth, random factory building and lack of



Salameh Hammad proper services, stressing that the experience of applying

decentralisation in Zarqa first

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Resident Representative of the United Nations in Jordan Othman Hashem addressed the workshop noting that his office was providing help to the government of Jordan through cooperation with the Ministry of Planning to help it apply the decentralisation system which entails giving more authority to local gov-

emors. Stressing that the UNDP will continue to provide the necessary assistance to the government Mr. Hashem said the UNDP will sponsor efforts for training personnel to qualify to administer the new system.

Later, Mr. Hammad inaugurated the Hashemieh Multinurpose Complex which cost JD120,000. He inspected a display of photos which related the story of the Great Arab Revolt and the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

Police arrest woman suspected of murder

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Mafraq police Friday apprehended a 28year-old woman who is suspected of killing her husband on a ranch in Al Dejench area between Irbid and Balama highways, according to Civil Defence Department (CDD) and police sources.

The authorities found the body of Jamil A.A. on the ranch, where he worked as the foreman, said the CDD without explaining how they were alerted.

The CDD report said that Jamil received several blows to the head with an iron bar, causing his immediate death. The report said that his wife, Hania A.F. was arrested by police shortly after the incident.

Authorities contacted by the Jordan Times Sunday evening would not reveal if the woman surrendered and why she was a suspect. A Mafraq police official told the Jordan Times that bing his father.

police still do not know the real motive for the killing, but preliminary investigations revealed that "it is possible that the killing was the result of family prob-Police gave no further de-

tails, and refused to release any other information. The body was taken to Princess Basma hospital for

autopsy. Police said they are investigating the incident. Also on Friday, a 50-yearold Ma'an man was listed in critical condition after he was stabbed by his son, police

reports said. The man, identified only by police as M.G.M., was stabbed several times in the chest and hands with a switch blade by his 17-year-old son, the report said.

his son came home drunk, started arguing with him, drew a blade and began stabbing him.
When police questioned

The victim told police that

the suspect, he denied stab-

Amman Cultural Meeting to review the criticism movement in Jordan

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — As a curtain raiser to the Third Amman Cultural Meeting, "The Criticism Movement in Jordan." to be held today at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC), Secretary General of the Ministry of Culture Mohammad Naji Amaireh held a press conference yesterday to explain several issues.

The four-day cuitural meeting will include five topics: the criticism movement up to the 1950s; criticism trends in Jordan; major effects of the criticism movement in Jordan; cultural journalism and its role in developing literary criticism in Jordan; and finally, literary creativity and criticism in Jor-

The target of this conference, Mr. Amaireh said, is to look at criticism as it relates to all forms of literature.

The Ministry of Culture hoped to encourage all Arab this meeting, including Ilias Khouri (Lebanon), Muhsin and Jordanian universities to include criticism in their Mosawi (Iraq), Ahmad Ibracourse curricula because it is him Hawari (Egypt), Na'ima considered a serious analytic-

NEW TOUR GUIDES: Ministry of Tourism and

Antiquities Secretary General Ghassan Al Mifleh

Sunday presents a graduate of a three-month tourist

guide training course with a diploma at a ceremony held at the University of Jordan where the training

took place. Seventy-five students were graduated.



Mohammad Naji Amaire Sunday briefs Meeting (Photo by Hatim Ali)

al art which will prepare stu-Yafi (Syria), and Majed

The Jordanian critic has a distinguished rank among other Arab critics, so their work should be included in

dents for future cultural acti-

the universities' programmes. "Their works, their views, their thoughts should be analysed and studied thoroughly," said Mr. Amaireh. Several Arab and Jordanian critics will participate in

Samarai (Iraq) in addition to 11 Jordanian critics and six Jordanian literary persons who will talk about their lifeachievement works.

According to Mr. Amaireh, the participants were asked to present original research, and based on originality and subject importance, the Ministry of Culture will select several papers for publications as part of its documentation

policy.
Mr. Amaireh believes that the Arab culture is the last

line of defence. He said with the Arab tradition, originality and modernisation we would fight, in other words with the pen not the sword.

Foreseeing possible scheduling difficulties, the meeting organisers printed no programme for the four-day event. Furthermore, as criticism is the topic of the day, the organisers looked even farther and prepared a questionnaire to distribute during the final session in order to pinpoint, correct and avoid any snags in the programme in future meetings.

De Klerk censors

JOHANNESBURG (R) -

South African Deputy Presi-

dent F.W. De Klerk has cen-

sored politically embarras-

sing passages in an official

state biography of former President P.W. Botha, a

newspaper reported Sunday.

The Johannesburg Sunday

Times said tape recordings of

cabinet meetings on which

the book is partly based had

been erased. A spokesman

for Mr. De Klerk confirmed

Sunday changes had been

made to the original manu-

script of the biography and

said a full statement would be

issued later. The newspaper

said many conservative state-

ments by Mr. De Klerk and cabinet colleagues during the 1980s were recorded in a

draft manuscript of the

biography but cut from the

final approved version. "A

number of potentially embar-

rassing statements by Mr. De

Klerk and other ministers

have been reworked so as to

expunge, paraphrase or di-lute them," it said. Mr. De

Klerk was regarded as highly

conservative during his years

in Mr. botha's cabinet. But in

1990, one year after taking

over from Mr. Botha as presi-

dent, Mr. De Klerk began

dismantling apartheid and paved the way for last April's

all-race elections. Mr. De

Klerk's National Party, which

said during campaigning that it had put apartheid behind

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U.S. steps up pressure on Cuba WASHINGTON (Agencies) — A day after pulling in a

decades old welcome mat for Cuban refugees, President Bill Clinton announced Saturday new measures to step up pressure on the Communist regime in Havana.

A statement said the United States was banning cash transfers by Cuban Americans to their former homeland, cutting off an important source of hard currency for the economically ailing coun-

Other measures were stepped-up U.S. government radio broadcasts to the island, a cutback in charter flights between the countries and efforts to seek a harder international line on human rights abuses in Cuba. The solution to Cuba's

many problems is not an uncontrolled exodus, it is freedom and democracy for Cuba," said the U.S. president, whose country has maintained an economic embargo against Havana for

The new measures came amid criticism that Clinton was not being hard enough on Cuba's government while cracking down on refugees Friday and ending a 28-yearold policy of granting them quick and easy asylum here. That move was an attempt

to stem a growing influx of refugees, apparently encouraged by Havana in a con-tinuing war of nerves that has

Sri Lankan

gets down

to work

government

COLOMBO (R) — Three

days after forming a govern-ment, Sri Lanka's People's

Alliance is getting down to

work, proposing changes in

the bureaucracy and prepar-

ing for this week's parliamen-

tary session, government sources said Sunday.

The pressing tasks ahead of

Prime Minister Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga

include solving the ethnic

conflict, setting up a perma-

and corruption and tackling

Now it is work," one source

te told Reuters that minis

ters, many of them without

cabinet experience, were

moving into their offices this

week and working out priori-

He was meeting President

Dingiri Banda Wijetunga and

service chiefs Monday to discuss

work. "We would have to

discuss the security situation

and ascertain whether the

continuation of the curfew is

necessary or not."
A 10-hour night curfew in

force across the island, will

from Monday.

country, police said.

Government sources said

the attorney general and the

finance secretary were ex-

pected to be replaced in a

They said that Attorney

General Tilak Marapana and

Finance and Treasury Secret-

ary R. Paskaralingam were

favourites of the United National Party (UNP), defe-

ated after a record 17 years in

"They often worked

beyond their duties as gov-

ernment officials," the source

said. Changes in other posts

like the heads of state-run

media, national airline Air-

Lanka and the Ceylon Pet-

roleum Corporation were

The prime minister is likely

to meet the business com-

munity this week to re-iterate

her committment to free-

with her and her officials to

discuss the role of the busi-

ness community," said Mano Selvanathan, deputy chair-

man of the Ceylon Chamber

He said the island's eco-

nomy, which has seen a spurt

in foreign investment be-

cause of the former govern-ment's policies, could take

off if the new regime

prospects are good. Both Sri

Lanka's main parties advo-cate open market policies,"

attracted foreign cash. "Long-term investment

he told Reuters.

"We are seeking a meeting

also anticipated.

market policies.

of Commerce.

bureaucratic stake-up.

"The euphoria is over.

New Deputy Defence

pitted Cuban leader Fidel Castro against nine U.S. presidents since 1959.

More than 2,600 asylum seekers crossed the treacherous Florida Straits in small boats and homemade rafts over the past week, the largest influx since the 1980 'Mariel boatlift'' that brought in 125,000 over five

But despite the U.S. announcement that any Cuban picked up at sea would be sent for screening to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, by 0145 GMT (Sunday), 861 Cuban refugees were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard Saturday alone.

That number marked yet again the largest single-day total since 1980, after 575 Cubans were picked up Fri-

The White House has insisted repeatedly that it would not let Mr. Castro dictate U.S. immigration policy but many congressmen said it was doing just that.
"At this point there has not

been any pain inflicted on Fidel Castro for having done this," said Senator Bob Graham, a Democrat from Florida where the refugee flood has sparked a state of emergency. "We have been reacting to his actions."

JAKARTA (R) -- Indonesia

was being arrogant in reject-ing a ceasefire-for-talks offer

by guerrillas fighting for inde-

pendence in East Timor, the

former Portuguese colony's Roman Catholic bishop, Car-

Indonesia is arrogant and I

don't think there will be a

"There must be talks. But

los Belo, said Sunday.

Senate Republican leader Cuban people." He said the United States Bob Dole contrasted the would pursue "with vigour and determination" its campaign administration's Cuba policy with its threat to take military

Bishop attacks Indonesia

for rejecting Timor offer

against Cuban abuses of huaction if necessary to topple man rights, bringing evidence the ruling junta in another of any such instances to the Caribbean nation, Haiti. Gen. Dole said Mr. Clin-United Nations and other interton "should spend as much national organisations.

Havana Saturday condemned the use of the Guatanamo Bay naval base for housing refugees, saying Washington was trying to turn its base in southeastern Cuba into a 'concentration camp of Cuban citizens,"

Cuba has long protested the existence of the U.S. base, as well as its use for housing Haitian refugees.

"The government of Cuba declares the firmest rejection by the Cuban people of this new decision of the White House and repeats, one more time, its energetic rejection of the illegal military presence of the United States in its territory," said a Foreign Ministry statement broadcast by the state news agency Prensa Latina.

The mood was calm in the Cuban capital Saturday, with no unsually large military or

Nearly 15,000 Haitians who fled grinding poverty in their country now are housed in tent camps at the Guantanamo Bay base, something

Cuba has strongly protested.

The base has long provoked the ire of Mr. Castro, who says it is illegal because it was established early this century when Cuba was under U.S. occupation.



A mother and her sons have Cojimar attempting to get to the United States, Cubans picked base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (AFP photo)

More Bangladesh ferry victims found

Khaleda Zia expressed deep

DHAKA (R) - Rescuers battling strong winds and cur-rents Bangladesh's Meghna River retrieved four more bodies Sunday following a ferry disaster in which more than 300 people were still believed to be missing and presumed drowned.

"The bodies surfaced 24 hours after the ferry MV Dinar went down in the choppy river and more corpses are likely to show up soon," police officer Vanu Lai Das told Reuters by telephone from the scene.

Prime Minister Begum

shock at the loss of life and ordered a high-level inquiry to determine the cause of the accident, government officials said. The ferry overturned and

sank in the river at Chandpur, about 100 kilometres from Dhaka, Saturday afternoon. It was just 200 metres from shore at the time and only about 60 people are believed to have survived the Officer Das called the acci-

dent a "moving human tragedy."

Police said the four bodies were found about 12 kilometres from where the ferry went down. The rescuers said they did not expect to find any more survivors.
"Hoping for survivors

would be too ambitious," police officer Aminul Islam, speaking to reporters, quoted rescuer as saying.
Officials said a rescue tug

was on its way to the site of the accident but it was being delayed by strong currents and high winds and was not expected to arrive until Monday morning.

N. Korea's refusal of inspections threatens Geneva talks, reactor offer

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea's insistence that it will "never" allow inspection of two sites suspected to be at the heart of its nuclear programme threatens to push Washington back into confrontation with Pyongyang, analysts said here Sunday.

The angry refusal, announced by a North Korean Foreign Ministry official Saturday, also appeared to have already frozen South Korea's offer to provide less harmful nuclear reactors to

North Korea, in its state-

Geneva that many issues remained unresolved and would be discussed in talks slated for next month.

In the Aug. 12 statement the isolated Communist regime in the North pledged to freeze its nuclear programme and in return the United States said it would arrange to provide safer light-water

nuclear reactors. South Korea immediately sider helping finance them. But then both countries began insisting that the two sites be opened before any commitment could be made.

"We will never allow inspection of the military sites at the expense of our sovereignty to receive LWR's (light-water nuclear reactors). This is our unshakeable will," the North Korean Foreign Ministry official said.

South Korea has accused Washington of rushing ahead in Geneva to secure a nuclear freeze at the cost of leaving unresolved doubts about past nuclear activities.

Said one analyst: "There is a feeling here, why should they (the North) have it handed to them on a plate, and that the U.S. is going too fast. With times hard in North Korea, there should be a squeeze before more con-

cessions." tion Chosun newspaper Sunday quoted an unnamed

In Geneva, North Korea the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, but conspicuous the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) believes could contain plutonium storage and reprocessing facilities.

It was the IAEA's insistence on inspecting the sites, which the North claims are purely military, and Pyon-gyang's refusal, that first triggered the nuclear standoff in 1992.

By Sunday there had been no comment from the U.S. side headed by Undersecretary of State Robert Gallucci, who had warned last week that many important issues 'remain to be resolved." His statement was echoed

by IAEA spokesman David Kyd who said that "many specific points remain to be settled.

South Korea's presidential spokesman Wednesday quoted U.S. President Bill Clinton as reassuring South Korean President Young-Sam that complete nuclear transparency, including clearing up doubts about the past, would be a condi-

that we will never allow a 'special inspection' (of the two sites) though we are willing to involve ourselves in clearing up 'nuclear suspicion' in the future," the North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress in the election.

Gambian leader

slams sex tourists

BANJUL (R) — Gambia's new head of state, Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh, said he would not tolerate women tourists visiting his West African holiday paradise country in search of sex. Lt. Jammeh a serious 29-year-old clad in camouflage fatigues and a red beret, also said that he and his fellow army lieutenants who seized power in a coup four weeks ago would go back to barracks as soon as they had set the country to rights. "We are Africans and we have our own moral values. Any trade that is based on sex is immoral so if there is a particular group of to urists who come here purposely for sex, and knowing the effects of such type of sex, we cannot condone that," he told Reuters in an interview. Many of the more head for Gambia's palmfringed Atlantic beaches every year are middle-aged European women seeking sex with young Gam-bian men. Lt. Jammeh, a committed Muslim, overthrew former President Sir Dawda Jawara on July 22 pledging to put an end to corruption. "Prostitution, drugs, those are all moral woes that we don't want in an African country because those are ideas which are alien, to the African people." he said. "We are not sex machines. I want that to be clear to whoever comes here purposely for sex," he added. "Any type of commercial sex is immoral in an African context, and we are going to educate the masses about the dangers of such sex, the existence of AIDS. We are going to pinpoint certain sectors and say don't get involved in

A neighbour complained about the roaring, but a judge ruled that a three-year-old pet African lion could be kept in a basement outside. Buenos Aires. "The lion; could not be in a better place than this," said Judge Daniel Llermanos after inspecting the cellar of a home in suburban Villa Dominico. A neighbour of the family that. owns Ra the lion complained. about the 150-kilo (330pound) animal's generous audio capacity and short supply. of living space, and suggested the animal be taken to a city; zoo. But a crowd of about. 100 other lion-loving neighbours crowded outside Ra's: owners' home after hearingabout reports the judge might. order an eviction from his. 10-metre high, 15-metre; long, seven-metre deep cage. The judge, accompanied by, staff with the Environmental; Police and feline experts from a government animal. preserve, said Ra was in no. danger and was living better than his counterparts behind. zoo bars. The hon devours as. many as eight kilos of meat. daily and his owners bathe him twice a week to keep his coat shiny, they said.

solution to East Timor's problems in the next 20 years," he told Reuters by telephone from East Timor's capital, Dili. Bishop Belo said he was

willing to mediate talks between the guerrillas and Indonesia's military but the government did not trust "I don't believe they trust

me or the church. Their will

to control East Timor has made them arrogant," he

rejected Saturday a ceasefire offer by the guerrillas if Indonesia was prepared to start serious talks over the territory's future.

effort in drawing lines in the sand about democratic

change in Cuba as he has

spent in threatening Haiti."

Saturday also appeared to be

an attempt to placate the influential Cuban exile com-

munity in the Miami area,

which counts some 564,000

people or more than 29 per

cent of the population. Many

had been outraged by the

Under the plan, Cuban Americans will be allowed to

send items such as medicine

and food to relatives back

home, but no cash unless

approved by the Treasury Department for humanita-

increase and amplify Radio Marti broadcasts to Cuba,

and allow charter flights be-tween Miami and Havana

only if they carry legal immig-rants and are consistent with

the 1992 Cuban Democracy

Act tightening the embargo. The aim, Mr. Clinton said,

Cuban government to

accumulate foreign exchange

and to enable us to expand

the flow of information to the

"to limit the ability of the

The United States will also

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rian purposes.

The measures announced

bels' Australia-based overseas representative, said last Friday he had been authorised to make the offer by guerrilla leader Konis Santana after encouraging moves by Bishop Belo and the Indonesian Armed Forces suggesting the start of a dia-

But Maj. Simbolon scoffed at the offer, saying the gner-rilla group was a spent force, ill equipped and abandoned by its foreign backers. There will be no com-

promise ... we reject their offer. They are only a few, armed with weapons left behind by the Portuguese near-

Malaysian party 'offered posts to Al Argam leaders'

JAKARTA (R) — Leaders of the controversial Al Arquan Islamic sect, banned in Malaysia and in one Indoreruling Malay Party, an In-donesian Muslim group said Sunday.

be reduced to seven hours Three people have been killed in political violence at the weekend and 75 incidents of arson, pelting stones and assault has been reported from various parts of the it was made.

> told Reuters, adding that ters in a general election.
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> Malaysia is expected to call

nisation claims 40 million members and is influential in Muslim-dominated Indonesia, said Malaysia banned Al Argam due to its potential threat to UMNO's lead-

North Sumatra's chief pro-

spokesman Major Simbolon

Jose Ramos Horta, the re-

East Timor military ly two decades ago," he said.

sian district, were once offered posts in Malaysia's

Nahdlatul Ulama Chairman Abdul Rahman Wahid said the offer to join the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) was turned down by the group, outlawed in Malaysia this month, but did not say when

"Al Argam leaders were discreetly offered roles in UMNO but they refused," he UMNO was aware of Al Arqam's impact on Muslim vo-

for a general election this year or in early 1995 though the government's mandate does not expire until October

Mr. Wahid, whose orga-

"Al Argam is considered a political threat to the UMNO leadership because of the impact of their decision to take sides... either UMNO or PAS," he said.

Mr. Wahid was referring to Parti Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS), a party of Muslim fundamentalists that swept to power in Malaysia's northeastern Kelantan state in the 1990 general election.

Indonesia is considering joining Malaysia in banning Al Argam because of its controversial religious activities. The group was outlawed in Indonesia's North Sumatra Saturday.

secutor, Martin Basiang, said Saturday that the ban on the mystical group, which be-lieves a messiah will appear before a prophesised doomsday, was effective immediately.

Official sources said Al Argam had several thousand followers in Indonesia but the group was not as influential as in Malaysia where it had made inroads into the civil service and had a vast business network worth \$115 mil-

Malaysian police arrested three sect members Saturday as they distributed leaflets after a religious celebration. local press reports said Sunday. Police also seized pam-phlets about the movement from the men outside a mosque in the western town of Seremban.

Indonesia is expected to decide this month whether to impose a national ban on the group, whose male members wear turbans and flowing robes and females cover their

body except for the eyes. Mr. Wahid said Indonesia wanted to ban Al Argam because "puritans and mod-ernist Muslims" did not like the group for what they claimed was its irrational religious practices.

"They actually want to block Al Argam before it goes further and further and wins more followers," he

In Bangkok, the exiled Al Arqam, Abuya Ashaari Mohammad, accused Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad of violated his human rights and threatened

to file a law suit against him.
"I am homesick and because the Malaysian people need me very much, I want to file the lawsuit against Dr. Mahathir," Mr. Ashaari told Reuters in an interview.

"In my preaching, lecturing or my books I never claimed myself to be the prophet or a messiah, so Dr. Mahathir's accusation against me is very disgusting and that's why I have to go back to Malaysia very soon to sue him," Mr. Ashaari said.

"He violated our human rights by banning Al Argam... He did not act in accordance with Islamic and Malaysian laws," he said.

IRA may announce ceasefire this week

LONDON (Agencies) — The Irish Republican Army (IRA) is preparing to announce an indefinite ceasefire in its battle to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, perhaps as soon as this week. the Observer newspaper re-

Sunday's edition of the paper said all units of the guerrilla group had been briefed, but told to carry on with regular activities until the ceasefire was announced. Rumours of a pending IRA ceasefire have been rife for weeks. The British and Irish governments are demanding a permanent ceasefire in return for giving the IRA's place at peace talks.

But senior police and security officials have said they would respond to a temporary but long-lasting cease-fire with a corresponding decrease in the number of troops on the ground.
Both the IRA and its Pro-

testant extremist enemies have continued regular attacks and killings despite the rumours. Protestant groups say they will match any IRA ceasefire.

the North. ment Saturday, accused South Korea and Japan of raising the issue with "sinister political motives" to scuttle

ongoing U.S.-North Korean talks to resolve the nuclear standoff. The analysts pointed out however that the U.S. side had warned after an Aug. 12

offered to supply the reactors and Japan said it would con-

senior official as saying: "No inspections, no reactors." Even if they have one kilogramme of plutonium, we would not supply the reactors," the newspaper quoted the official as saying. also pledged to stay within

by its absence was any reference to the two sites, which

tion of the agreed statement being carried through. "We declare once again

Mexicans to choose new president in key election

MEXICO CITY (R) - Mexicans were set to choose a new president and Congress Sunday in a key national election that could signal the end of the ruling party's 65-yearlong absolute grip on power. Experts were predicting

the largest turnout ever for the high-stakes ballot which many fear could erupt into violence if the government does not deliver on promises to hold a clean election. As many as 70 per cent of the country's 45.7 million

registered voters, equipped with supposedly fraud-proof identification cards, were expected to vote at 96,000 polling places around the nation. By comparison, only 48 per cent of registered voters cast ballots in the last presidential

Most polls indicate that the Institutional Revolutionary Party's (PRI) Ernesto Zedillo will win the battle to succeed President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, whose six-year term ends Dec. 1.

election in 1988.

But they also show that for the first time in history a PRI candidate may win with less than 50 per cent of the vote, which could weaken his man-

Mr. Zedillo's top rival, Diego Fernandez de Cevallos of the conservative National Action Party, trails in most polls by at least 10 per cent, with Cuauhtemoc Cardenas centre-left Democratic Revolution Party in third place. But for the first time since

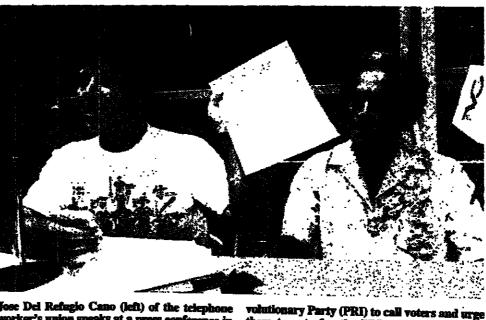
the PRI took control in 1929,

having its own man in Los

Pinos, the presidential resi-

dence, will not give the party unbridled power to run the plomat said. country. Electoral reforms assure a

bodies.



Jose Del Refugio Cano (left) of the telephone worker's union speaks at a press conference in Mexico City, protesting that 55 telephone workers were forced by the Institutional Re-

much stronger opposition in the PRI-dominated National The government has spent \$1 billion to revamp its elec-Congress which traditionally toral system in an attempt to has been a rubber stamp for remove the possibility of With all 500 seats in the vote-rigging, but Mexicans lower house Chamber of Deare still deeply sceptical that puties and 96 places in the newly expanded 128-member they will have a clean elec-

Senate up for grabs Sunday, Past votes, including the 1988 victory by Salinas, have some experts believe the PRI could lose its majority in one been tainted by fraud, but or both of the legislative after a tumultuous year with a peasant uprising in the state "The all-powerful presof Chiapas and the March 23 idency will not be as powerful assassination of then-PRI in the future. If Zedillo wins, presidential candidate of Luis Donaldo Colosio, even polihe will not have the ability just to push things through tical moderates believe Mex-Congress," a top Western diico's political stability is rid-

ing on a clean election. Just as important as who The country is asking for wins this election is how they change. If there is no credi-

them to vote for the PRI. Reports of voters who do not exist and vote-buying have thrown into question Mexico's commitment to a clean presidential election (AFP photo) bility and clean results, the revolution will come," top Mexican businessman and

> newspaper. Along with stability is the question of Mexico's economic future, which most believe can be assured only through a fraud-free vote. The financial world, anxious to invest in a stable Mexico, will be watching to see if Mexico can match its sweeping economic reforms with a transition to full democracy.

Salinas ally Juan Sanchez

Navarro said in a Mexico City

To lend credibility to the election, Mexico has allowed in foreign observers for the first time ever and has registered 81,000 Mexicans to watch over the polls.

this type of sex." No place like home for lion **BUENOS AIRES (AFP) -**

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A U.N. Ethiopian soldier stands in front of thousands of Rwandan refugees on the border town of Cyangugu after the Zairean authorities decided to close the border to stop the refugee flow (AFP photo)

Nigerian security agents hunt labour leaders

ntling apartheid at: Security agents hunted Sun-LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) day for labour leaders in hiding after capturing the head of an oil workers' union who has helped paralyse this nation with a strike aimed at toppling the military govern-

At least 25 prominent Nigerians, including retired generals and former cabinet ministers, have been arrested since Friday as Gen. Sani Abacha's government tries to force an end to the strike and

block a reported coup plot. These arrests are clearly the last acts of a drowning man." said pro-democracy lawyer Gani Fawehinmi, whose staff was working around the clock to provide free services for those arrested. "The days of Abacha and his ruling cabal are numbered," he declared.

and protests sparked by the annulment of the June 1993 election that was to end a decade of military rule. Among dozens of people in jail is Moshood Abiola, the

protracted and crippling in a

year of sporadic strikes, riots

millionaire businessman who apparently won the ballot and was charged with treason after he declared himself president on the election's anniversary.
Workers in the petroleum

industry that derives Nigeria's economy went on strike in sympathy July 7, demanding Gen. Abacha, surrender power to Mr. Abiola. Frank Kokori, general

secretary of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers, was arrested late Saturday. Security agents tracked him down after calling him on his cellular telefriends of his family, aides

Gen. Abacha announced Wednesday he was firing the leadership of the two oil unions and accused them of economic sabotage.

Agents of the State Security Service released several of the people arrested Saturday, but still in jail are two promment retired army officials, former industry minister Gen. Alanni Akinrade and Col. Abubakar Umar, who resigned as commander the Strategic Armoured Corps to protest continued military

The soldiers were detained after leaflets began circulating urging people to stav home because a group calling itself the Nigerian Liberation Armed Forces was planning to oust Gen. Abacha.

halved Nigeria's oil exports will continue The arrests cannot deter

us. If anything, the crack-down by the military has raised our resolve and widened the antogonism against the Abacha regime," said Bola Tinubu, a member of the Federal Senate that Gen. Abacha scrapped along with all Nigeria's other democratic institutions when he seized

power last year. Mr. Tinubu, who spoke by cellular telephone from a hiding place, said the international community should put more pressure on the military government.

The United States and the European Community imposed limited sanctions against Nigeria's military after the election was annulled. including refusing visa to government members and their

French quit Rwanda; efugees stampede border witl Zaire

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BUKAVU, Zaire (R) - France pulled out its last troops from Rwanda Sunday, leaving hordes of frightened Hutn refugees desperate to go with them but held back by Zairean paratroopers firing into the air at a closed

border crossing. Less than half an hour after French Legionnaires pulied out of the Ruzizi border post, hundreds of refugees fearing Tutsi reprisals swarmed onto the rickety river bridge, determined to reach the Zairean shore and what they regard as safety.

Ethiopian U.N. peacekeepers stood by helplessly as the refugees ran across, only to be halted in their tracks by Zairean paratroopers firing into the air. Retreating in confusion, the panicking refugees drop-

ped shoes, hats and mats in the stampede back. There were two more attempts to storm the crossing, each time repelled by the Zaireans with a volley of shots.

The Ethiopian soldiers

were subjected to a storm of abuse and missiles as furious Hutus accused them of being allies of the victorious Tutsidominated Rwandan Patriotic Front.

Later in the morning the situation began to calm down but was still tense with refugees and red-bereted Zairean soldiers staring with

SARAJEVO (R) -- Bosnian

government troops captured

the last redoubt of rebel Mus-

lim leader Fikret Abdic Sun-

day, crushing an 11-month

revolt that had diverted

scarce resources from their

U.N. observers said the

government army's Fifth

Corps overran most of Velika

Kladusa in the northwest en-

he refused unconditional sur-

Hundreds of troops loyal to Mr. Abdic, a business ty-

coon turned warlord, downed

weapons and joined a wave

clave of Bihac just hours after

war with Serbs.

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concentrated hostility at each

other. From the Zairean hillside. a machinegun was trained on the 5,000 milling refugees while members of the 150strong paratrooper torce posted along the porous border kept watch.

Not everyone had given up. Close to the crossing, the most adventurous refugees were using their straw mats as rafts, paddling across the Ruzizi, while others bought a passage en Zairean canoes. Some were swept downstream by the current.

It was a disastrous start for the African troops making up the United Nations force that is due to replace the French in the sout iwestern Rwandan "safe zone."

The 80 Ethiopians are part of a? 90-strong African continger .

"If this s the first indication of what will happen in the southwestern region with the withdrawal of the French. it doesn't bode well," said Nina Winquist, spokeswoman for the Interrational Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC).

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Flooging into Zaire in their tens of thousands in the days leading up to the pullout, the Hutus have made it clear they do not believe the African forces or a protect them from the wrath c RPF fighters who they Get will carry out repriseds the massacres of about 500,00 Tutsis earlier

Fine-featured and light skinned, the Ethiopians are viewed as being of the same Nilotic origin as the hated Tutsi and therefore additionally suspect.

The Ethiopians say they are not ready to resort to heavy-handed tactics to defend the border, closed by Zaire Saturday in an attempt to head off a repeat of the catastrophe that descended on the border town of Goma further north when one million Hutu refugees crossed

last month.
"Our mandate is to respect the wishes of the people," said one peacekeeper.

"We have no mandate to open fire, not even in the air. We are with the people."

Up to 800,000 refugees were sheltering in the French Aid officials, who had begged Kinshasa not to close the

border, were holding emergency talks with Zairear authorities to try to persuade them to lift the order.

Kamel Morjani, Africa representative for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told reporters on the bridge he had spoken to the "highest-level" Zairean authorities and was told the Ruzizi-II, a bridge crossing 20 kilometres further south, would open later Sun-

The latest crisis in this na-Trade union leaders and tion of 90 million is the most phone and pretending to be others say the strike that has Kohl writes to Yeltsin as nuclear talks progress

BONN (R) --- German Chancellor Hehnut Kohl has sent a second letter to President Bons Yeltsin urging him to stop material from Russia's molear stockpile falling into the wrong hands, the Welt S Am Sonntag weekly said

Mr. Kohl's letter coincided with a visit to Moscow by his intelligence coordinator Bernd Schmidbauer despatched to secure cooperation after a spate of seizures of sangeled plutonium which Germany believes stemmed

Mr. Kohl asked Mr. Yeltsin to take decisive measures to stamp out the black market in Russian uranium and plutonium, urging him to make sure fissionable (nuclear) material does not go straying around the world,"

Welt Am Sonntag said. A government spokesman declined to confirm or deny

The seizures include one of

over 300 grams (10 ounces) of lethal Plutonium-239. The couriers who brought it on a flight from Moscow claimed they could supply four kilogranmes perilously close to the amount needed for an atom bomb. They also had Lithium-6, a metal needed for hydrogen bombs.

To Germany's consterna-tion, the Kremlin has dismissed its claims that analysis proves the materials are Russian, together with suggestions that Russian security is

In response to Mr. Kohl's first letter last week Mr. Yeltsin promised constructive cooperation, but Bonn has

"Germany will link it financial assistance for Russia to the condition that Moscow cooperates with us in the fight against international nuclear smuggling," Finance Minister Waigel told Sun-day's Bild Am Sonntag weekly, adding that he expected

kept up the pressure.

other countries to take the same stand. Welt Am Sonntag said Germany's ambassador had passed the latest letter to Mr. Yeltsin, now holidaying on

the Black Sea. It also said Mr. Kohl was pressing Western countries to provide more funds to pay Russian nuclear scientists and ensure they did not sell their knowledge to countries trying to build the bomb.

It said Mr. Schmidbauer and the domestic and foreign intelligence chiefs accompanying him had taken this suggestion to Moscow, together with plans for closer intelligence cooperation to

fight nuclear smuggling.
Russian officials apppeared to have moderated their defensive attitude after meeting Mr. Schmid-

Sergei Stepashin, the director of Russia's Federal Counter-Intelligence Service (FSK), said the talks had

been businesslike, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.
"This contrasted sharply with the accusatory tone adopted by the Western media on the subject," FSK

spokesman Alexander Mikhailov told the agency, adding that it was time for the two sides to get down to Mr. Schmidbauer told a German Television crew that his talks, which began Saturday and were due to resume Monday, "are taking place in

an excellent climate and in total openness and they will continue tomorrow (Mon-"Î believe we will achieve excellent joint results and good cooperation, and the questions which have been

the subject of speculation can then be solved," he said. He said he expected there would be a joint German-Russian statement after he returned to Bonn and briefed

of civilians who fled the town seeking refuge in nearby Serb-controlled territory. U.N. spokesman Paul

Risely said: "It appears that effective military resistance of Abdic's troops has ended. The town is controlled entirely by the Fifth Corps." There was no word on the

fate of Mr. Abdic, who broke with the Sarajevo govern-ment last year and sided with its Bosnian Serb foes after declaring Bihac's independ-

His defeat ended an embarrassing challenge to Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic whom Mr. Abdic accused of Islamic fundamentalism and needlessly prolonging the 28-month

Bosnian war. The end came after Mr. Abdic, in talks with U.N. mediator Sergio de Mello Saturday rejected a government demand to accept his independence prociamation was "null and void."

The Fifth Corps confined U.N. observers in Velika Kladusa to their quarters but they heard some fighting con-tinuing around Mr. Abdic's headquarters in a hilltop castle built by Turks during

Ottoman rule of Bosnia. U.N. spokesman Michael Williams said in Zagreb that up to 10,000 people were fleeing the rout of Abdic forces and jamming the road north to the Croatian town of Karlovac.

Hundreds were trapped in a no-man's-land flanked by minefields between Croatia and the Republic of Serb Krajina (RSK) when Croa-

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP)

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tian authorities refused Muslims cross. U.N. aid official Pets sler said Krajina Serbs

pushing the refugees, tra ing aboard cars, buses and tractors into the no-man's-"The people at the head of

the exodus are threatening to march by force into Croatia, he added. Other refugees were congregating around the RSK towns of Vojnic and Topuska

or at a makeshift camp at Topusko, the regional headquarters of the United Nations Protection Force. Mr. Abdic's fiefcom crumbled rapidly over the last few days under Fifth Corps adv-

ances after his Serb allies

apparently withdrew support from him. The Bihac enclave is surrounded by Bosnian and RSK Serb forces who have

provided Mr. Abdic with artillery support.
But U.N. spokesmen Sunday withdrew a U.N. clain that RSK Serbs fired a mor tar bomb which kille i five

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But Fr. Jovan referred to past massacres of civilians in shelling in the mainly Muslim itional peace Bosnian capital and said the trip would be religiously valid only if the Roman Catholic Pontiff used it to condemn all those responsible for war "Given the situation, the

risk is great. I remind you of the bread queue massacre and the market massacre. Fr. Jovan, the Serbian Orthodox Church leader for Croatia and Slovenia, said. "An incident would be a

nightmare but naturally the Pope as a head of state and religious leader has the right to go wherever he wants, Fr. Jovan told Italian televi-

'The Serbian Orthodox Church does not oppose this visit but believes that a peace mission can be carried out according to the teaching of the Gospel only if there is condemnation of all those responsible for crime committed in this war."
Orthodox Christian Serbs

have accused the Vatican of siding with their Roman Catholic Croat fees in the three years of war that have devastated former Yugoslavia. Pope John Paul is due to visit Zagreb, the Croatian capital, on Sept. 10 and 11.

3 years after coup, Yeltsin admits mistakes

MOSCOW (R) — Three years after the short-lived coup which mortally wounded the Soviet Union and changed the world forever, just 500 people gathered in the gentle Moscow rain to mark the momentous occa-

As night fell Saturday the tiny crowd listened to ches marking the end of the three-day coup on Aug. 21, 1991, a far cry from the tens of thousands who swarmed round the White House parliament building exactly three years ago. The quiet scene near the White House epitomised the momentous changes which have swept Russia since the

world of politics and concentrating their minds more on **SULVIVAL** The putsch was launched by a number of senior ministers who tried to depose then Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. But they failed to arrest Russian President

coup, turning many away

from the once invigorating

Bons Yeltsin, enabling him to organise resistance from the White House. After three days the coup collapsed. The Soviet Union followed suit in December. Mr. Yeltsin, in a sombre appeal to the Russian people

Saturday, admitted he and

his government had erred

many times in its bid to break

the Communist mould but nevertheless urged the country not to loose faith. We often make mistakes in our effort to do things quicker than the course of history permits, but nevertheless we are moving forwards," he said in the appeal,



People light candles at the monument to three mark the third anniversary of the coup (AFP victims of the August 1991 coup attempt in Moscow. A gathering of the former defenders

carried by Postfactum News We are gradually over-

coming our shortage of time," said Mr. Yeltsin. Those times when we only made promises, but unfortunately could not deliver, are slowly passing."
But Mr. Yeltsin's speech

was itself a collection of old promises unlikely to eatch the attention of those who consider themselves betrayed by economic reforms which have slashed living standards for many of the country's 150

million inhabitants. The Russian leader said the government was working on a programme to stabilise industry and said he would

raise pensions, minimum wages and subsidies to the poor and needy. Once again he said Russia would halt grain imports and once

again he warned foreign com-

panies that if they did not step in to help save the economy now, they might miss out later.

"When the crisis in our economy ends, when we can feed and clothe ourselves, when we can produce enough goods and process enough raw materials to supply not just ourselves but others, then we will choose our own partners," Mr. Yeltsin said.

"I am convinced this time will come." In another appeal, this time sent to the participants of a conference discussing the coup, Mr. Yeltsin again acknowledged many chances had been missed.

"The time has come to make conclusions, to mercilessly analyse what has been done and what has not been done," he said.

"The time has come to

form a single democratic

force in the name of Russia. This is not a time just for despondency and despair. Today everything depends on

White House was held here to

His call for unity will certainly be ignored by the coup plotters, who were amnesticd in February by the new parliament, and are now in the vanguard of resistance to Mr. The small crowd near the

White House also passed a resolution calling on the country to unite before proceeding solemnly to the spot on Moscow's inner ring road where three young men were killed by troops during the

And in another telling sign the 1991 putsch is slowly being erased from Russia collective memory, not one leading politician was present at the ceremony.

Haiti government seess condemned the ann. as illegal.

– In a move to gain de facto international recognition of Haiti's military-installed government, Haitian leaders said any peace mission must deal directly with the government, not the military. "Every initiative, every foreign delegation must go

through the government first," Foreign Minister The Security Foreign Minister Charles David said in an in-July 31 authorise terview with the privatelyowned Radio Metropole. Army commander Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras said in an interview with the Associated press last month that he

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Cedras wer illing to compromise. Meanwhil . the d facto government has their everal measures and it power: - A lay sunt lied by the

tional recognition government on Aug. 4 would bring Mr. Aristide and his U.N. ambassador, Fritz Longchamp, to trial for high treason for endorsing military

intervention. - The government has begun military training for thousands of civilians - including former members of the brutal Tonton Macoute militia - and is organising them into nationwide antiinvasion brigades.

- Local news media have been warned against relaying "foreign propaganda" and the government has banned the broadcaste of information and declarations from foreign embassies in Haiti.

- The government has blocked the distribution of 100,000 barrels of storage gasoline intended for use by international relief organisations until the Panamerican Health Organisation agrees to deal with the government.

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Crack in sanctions regime

TURKEY'S decision to reopen the Habur border crossing into northern Iraq in a couple of weeks sounds like the first important crack in the U.N. trade sanctions against Baghdad. Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller announced this "breakthrough" during her latest trip to the southeast of the country where government forces have been waging a war of attrition against separatist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) for over ten years. Ankara has long maintained that its battered economy has lost at least \$20 billion from U.N. trade sanctions imposed on Iraq in the aftermath of the Gulf crisis in 1990. The closure of the 985-km oil pipeline from Iraq to Turkey's Mediterranean ports has also cost the country \$250 million annually in lost transit fees.

True, the official reopening of the Habur border crossing would not change the situation on the ground very much. Ankara, it may be recalled, had been turning a blind eye to the thriving trade across this frontier point ever since the U.N. Security Council slapped the embargo against Iraq, as Turkish lorries carried fruit and vegetables and brought back cheap oil. In point of fact, the whole Western world turned a blind eye to this unofficial trade.

The official announcement that the hitherto unofficial trade will become official in the near future could thus be a harbinger of more relaxation of trade against Baghdad. It is doubtful though that Ankara would boldly declare the resumption of trade with Iraq without an anticipation of a wider Western relaxation of trade sanctions with the Baghdad government. This is not to mention that Turkish-Iraqi talks on the reopening of the oil pipeline are also gaining momentum. There is no doubt that these new openings could not have been contemplated without prior consultations with Washington and its principal allies. On the strength of these developments, therefore, 1995 could set the stage for the

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lifting of sanctions against Iraq.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Arabic daily said Sunday that there are genuine apprehension on the part of Arab masses about Israel's intentions and there is real fear that the peace process would collapse due to Israel's intransigent attitudes in its dealings with the Arab parties. Indeed, said Mahmoud Rimawi, one has to take stock of the negotiations at least on the Israeli-Palestinian track one year after the signing of the Oslo agreement. Accusing Israel of trying to avoid the implementation of the deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) the writer said that the Israelis are exploiting the Palestinian weak economy and using the Arab workers in Israel as a lever to exercise pressure on the PLO leadership to succumb to Zionists desires. The Israeli attitude, said the writer, has rendered the Palestine National Authority in a rather difficult position but, he said, the PLO leadership is trying hard to succeed and is hoping to expand the national authority to the other parts of the occupied Palestinian lands despite the Israeli pressures. He said the Oslo deal, despite the numerous loopholes, has paved the ground for the Palestinians to assume responsibility for their own affairs and responsibilities on the internal front, a step that precedes the full independence and statehood. The writer said that the opponents of the deal should allow the PLO authority further time to put matters right and eventually end Israel's occupation of the Arab land.

A COLUMNIST in Sawt Al Shaab daily Sunday criticised Nabil Shaath, head of the Palestinian negotiating team for agreeing to Israel's wishes and responding to Zionist extremists groups desires to open the Ibrahimi Mosque for Jewish worshippers alone. The Israeli government has not yet responded to the United Nations Security Council's resolution and the world community which demanded that the mosque be opened for the Muslim worshippers following the massacre of Muslims inside the mosque earlier this year, said the writer, Arafat Hijazi. He said that the Palestine Liberation Organisation should object to this move on the part of the Israeli government, and should seek to stop the Jews from transforming the shrine into a synagouge by preventing Muslims from praying in the mosque and allowing the Jews to practice their worshipping there, said the writer.

Helping to etch a new landscape in the Middle East

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he brokered last year to

stop rocket attacks on

northern Israel from Hiz-

bollah forces in Lebanon.

In return for a halt, Israel

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As an example of the

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Critics of President Bill

responsibility himself.

By Anthony Lewis

WASHINGTON — By the end of 1996, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said, it is "entirely possible" that Israel will be at peace with all its neighbours. "It would have seemed visionary," he said, but not at the pace at which things are going.'

In a conversation in his office, the secretary was strikingly upbeat on the possibility of peace between Israel and Syria, for a gen-eration the bitterest of enemies. On a Middle East tour from which he had just returned, he again shuttled between Jerusalem and Damascus, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez

Assad.
"I think they both want peace," Mr. Christopher said. "And a warm peace: trade, tourism

"In Assad and Rabin you have the two toughest and most experienced negotiators in the Middle East. It's an existential thing for both, so they are very careful in examining things.

"Assad does that out loud: for five hours in my last visit with him. 'What does Rabin mean by this?" Sometimes I don't know. and I say I'll have to ask. its security zone in sout hern Lebanon.

'Up to this last trip there was a psychological barrier. As Mr. Christopher was I believe they've broken on his way to the Middle East just now, an Israeli through, discussing the concrete elements — the napilot in error hit a civilian target and killed 10 people. ture of peace, withdrawal, security. They're all intert-Israel apologised, but Hizbollah launched three wined, and the parties have different views on how they waves of rockets. Mr. should fit together. There Christopher appealed to the Syrians to help stop what That description of what threatened to derail the

negotiations. The Syrians "said they would make a maximum effort," Mr. Christopher said. "They obviously have some capacity to influence Hizbollah — how great I'm not sure." The rocket

attacks stopped.

A Syrian-Israeli deal, if it comes, would have to overcome much internal resistance: Syrians reluctant to accept Israel. Israelis reluctant to give up the Golan Heights. "Assad thinks it will take a lot of prepara-tion," Mr. Christopher said. "They've been through so much conditioning the other way. But in

Mr. Assad has evidently started that preparation. Syrian television and newspapers played up the peace ceremony between Prime Minister Rabin and His Majesty King Hussein — a remarkable shift in Syrian

On the Palestinians, Mr. Christopher said he was urging countries that had pledged aid to start projects in Gaza immediately, and at the same time urging on PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat the financial "accountability and transparency that donors expect.

Democracy and human rights are growing concerns among Palestinians. Mr. Arafat troubled many by closing the newspaper An Nahar for being "pro-Jordanian" — and then by banning a widely respected columnist, Daoud Kuttab, for signing a petition against the closing. Mr. Christopher said he raised the question of press free-dom with Mr. Arafat.

Then there is the ques tion of elections in the West Bank and Gaza. Mr. Christopher said: "That will be an area where Mr. Arafat will require constant urging, to respond to the thirst for representation among the Palestinians.`

over all, Mr. Christ-opher said, "The Middle East landscape is being transformed. Israelis are now accepted. The isolation is vanishing."

The New York Times.

Arafat's illogical act

By Ghassan Bishara

SUPPORTERS OF democracy everywhere should stand up now and oppose Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's move against An Nahar. The hard-and-longstruggling Palestinian people deserve to reap the fruit of their struggle and to begin to enjoy a democratic

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the Sept. 13 аттапдетент between Israel and the PLO, and whether events since then do or do not serve the best interests of the Palestinian people. the crackdown on the press by Mr. Arafat this early in the process of selfgovernment is not a good eginning at all.

Worse than the silencing of An Nahar is the lack of regard the act itself shows towards the Palestinian people and towards those who have supported them. Mr. Arafat's move against the freedom of expression. one of the most elemental pillars of democracy, is a telling story. It is astounding to try to fathom the logic behind such an undertaking, particularly in light of the conclusive defeat of the Arab authoritarian order at the hands of tiny.

but democratic, Israel. Mr. Arafat must realise this, and he must seek to change the style of governing in the Palestinian arena. The best place of start is to encourage, not hinder, free expression.

It is also astonishing to discern how little PLO leaders understand about their people in the territories. For years, these people protested loudly against the occupation authorities' censorship of their prose.

The Palestinian people beneficiaries of a free and unhindered press - shall not acquiesce to the PLO leaders attempts to forcefeed them what they have rejected from their occupiers. The closure of An Nahar will needlessly cancel criticism of Israel's role as a censor of the Palestinian press and exonerate it hispress is wrong, whether decreed by Israel or the PLO. The message from the

Arab-Palestinian people is clear: Democratisation is the only condition for progress. This means allowing for a free press. Without it, conditions will remain un-

Even if An Nahar has

been financed by Jordan, and is sympathetic to Jordan's point of view, Mr. Arafat, by banning it in the autonomous areas, is at best sending a message of intolerance. At worst, he is signaling his intent to govern just like many others in the region

The PLO's financing of many publications in the Middle East in exchange for expression of support for PLO objectives was precisely the rationale behind Israel's on-and-off censorship of the Palestinian press. The present irony will not escape anyone. One would hope that the Arab-Palestinian press could soon achieve full financial and editorial independence. Until then, however, Mr. Arafat would do his best to stay clear of

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the press. To facilitate democracy in the Palestinian areas, various important elements should be present: First is an unequivocal Palestinian belief in the value of democracy, including that of freedom of the press. Also critical is the Palestinians' willingness to fight for it and to continue to protect it with all their might. Because the transformation to a democratic rule occurs at. a cost to the order already; in place, it is expected of leaders to try to slow down, or even scuttle, the Palesti-'nians' march toward demo-

The U.S. could extend a hand to assist democracy in the territories. A gripe of most Arab-Palestinian activists and intellectuals has been that unlike the efforts the U.S. has made to promote democracy in all corners of the world, it has shown no real inclination to

do so in the Arab World. The greatest service the U.S. and others can offer the Palestinians would be to persuade the leaders of the necessity to democratise and to help create an environment in which the people, with a certain measure of confidence and security, can navigate their way towards the realisation of

Now is the best time to do so, and the opportunity should not be allowed to

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NATO suffers major blow with Woerner's death

By Nicholas Doughty Reuter

BRUSSELS — NATO. already struggling with problems in Bosnia and other vital questions of European security, has suffered a major blow with the death of secretary-general Manfred Woerner.

Diplomats and officials ay that whoever replaces Woemer will face a tough task in guiding the 16-naion alliance.

Mr. Woemer, 59, died on Saturday after a long struggle against cancer but he had been absent from NATO headquarters since May, trying to recover from the effects of three operations.

"It has been noticeable since then that things have drifted a bit without a firm hand," said one alliance diplomat, who asked not to be identified. "Now, it's a

big loss.' Mr. Woerner's strength. diplomats say, was that he had a vision of what NATO's role should be in post-cold war Europe, as well as the political experience and force of will to unite the sometimes fractious allies.

The tasks now facing the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation are formid-

The alliance is already working with the United Nations in Bosnia, a rela-. nonship that has been frayed on occasions because of disagreements on when and how to use air

Within the next few months, NATO may need

promise to send in a peacekeeping force of up to 50,000 troops or it may be involved in helping extract thousands of U.N. troops if last-ditch peace efforts fail.

Mr. Woerner worked hard to build a new relationship of cooperation with the Soviet Union and then Russia but Moscow has proved a difficult partner for the West in recent months.

Russia has opposed NATO action in Bosnia and raised strong objec-tions to any possible expansion of the alliance to take in Moscow's former satellites in Eastern Europe as

The alliance has offered all of its former foes closer military ties through the Partnership for Peace scheme but has also promised that it will take on new members at some point.

Under pressure from Eastern European states worried about their security. NATO seems unlikely to delay that debate much longer. The question of who to admit and who to leave out will be difficult and possibly divisive.

In the meantime, NATO has to make the Partnership for Peace work through plans for joint military exercises with its new partners and very little spare cash.

In an age of rapidly-shrinking defence budgets. the alliance also has trouble in making sure that its integrated military structure one of the cornerstones of NATO - continues to bind the member nations together. So who could be best suited to the challenges

The alliance's headquarters in Brussels has been buzzing with speculation for months about who might replace him and member nations now have to agree on a candidate.

Two names have emerged in the corridor talk as front-runners -Norway's Thorvald Stoltenberg, a former foreign minister and currently U.N. peace mediator in former Yugoslavia, and former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato.

Apart from Mr. Stoltenberg and Mr. Amato, other names mentioned include former Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers, who recently lost out in the battle to succeed Jacques Delors as president of the European Commission in Brussels.

Mr. Lubbers' former foreign minister, Hans Van Den Broek, is currently in charge of foreign policy at the European Commission but is widely believed to be interested in the NATO

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind. Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes and his predecessor. Mark Eyskens, have also been mentioned.

The United States. NATO's senior member. has the command of alliance forces in Europe and, for that reason, is effectively ruled out of the race for the top political

By Susumo Sono Agence France Presse

TOKYO — Shin Sakurai is one of a long line of cabinet members to let sentiments about Japan's wartime past cause his political downfall and indignation among his country's neighbours.

But even with the long list of known casualties, there is plenty of evidence that Mr. Sakurai is not alone in feeling Japan has been unfairly treated by historians over the period up to 1945.

The state minister resigned on Sunday after creating an international storm by saying "I don't think Japan fought with the aim of waging a war of aggression. "I don't think we should

take the position that Japan was the only one that was wrong." It was thanks to Japan that Asian neighbours had become independent and education had advanced faster, he added. It was thanks to Mr. Sakurai that Japan faced a new official protest from South Korean and Yomiichi Murayama became the latest prime

gise over a cabinet minister's remarks. Many of those who have previously got into trouble were also from the Liberal Democratic Party, now in an unlikely alliance with Mr. Murayama's socialists.

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But the Asahi Shimbun daily highlighted how "not an inconsiderable number of Liberal Democratic Party legislators support the position shown by Sakuraj."

They are a minority in number. But the defenders of Japan's past show themselves regularly. Only three months ago, Shigeto Nagano resigned as justice minister for claiming the

Defending Japan's

dark past

1937 Nanjing massacre was a "fabrication." Mr. Nagano, a member of the Renewal Party

formed last year by LDP defectors, also sparked strong protests from Asian countries invaded by Japan before and during World

According to Chinese figures, more than 300,000 people were killed by Japanese soldiers in

Nanjing. LDP legislator and for-mer Transport Minister Shintaro Ishihara made remarks similar to Nagano. In 1990, he was quoted by a U.S. magazine as saying the Nanjing massacre was fabricated by China.

Diplomatic relations between Japan and South Korea were hit in May 1990 when then LDP Secretary General Ichiro Ozawa said Japan had no need to apologise for its colonial rule of the Korean peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

Two years earlier, senior LDP member and then National Land Agency director General Seisuke Okuno said it was unfair to blame Japan for the war because European countries had also colonised

In 1986, Education Minister Masayuki Fujio, another LDP member said in a magazine interview that Korea was also re-sponsible for Japan's annexation of the Korean

peninsula in 1910. Mr. Fujio defended the role of Japan's Imperial Army, saying that Japan was not the only country which waged a war of

Confronted with protests from China, South Korea and other Asian countries, the prime minister of the time Yasuhiro Nakasone cancelled a plan to visit Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, dedicated to the war dead, on Aug. 15, the anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II.

Since then no Japanese prime minister has visited Yasukuni, where Hideki Tojo, prime minister durin the Pacific war, is also buried.

The Sakurai controversy came on the eve of the 49th anniversary of Japanese commemorations for its

Episodes such as that over Mr. Sakurai streng-then the belief of many of its Pacific neighbours that Japan is refusing to come to terms with its past.

Australia's war-veterans chief Major General William James was the latest to accuse the Japanese on

Opening a year of special commemoration for Australian dead, Mr. James, president of the Returned Services League, said: "Germany has sought to come to terms with her past and some of the

Japanese people have too. As a nation Japan has yet to come to terms with her past. What a significant achievement it would be if that happened this year," he said.

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> Q: Not all are convinced of these principles. Syria, and consequently Lebanon, did not yet define their tracks as Your Majesty did.

rate between the protection of the holy Islamic, Christian A: All the officials in the and Jewish sites and between Middle East are seriously the political differences. If looking for real peace, and I emocratic rule occur reaffirm, all. In fact, there is set to the order alrest no substitute to seeking a comprehensive peace which includes Israel and all its this quest succeeds, Jerusalem will indeed become the city of peace for all. But this does not at all affect the negotiations over the future Arab neighbours. Every of the city as agreed between Arab-Israeli peace initiative, such as the Jordanian-Israeli the Palestinian leadership and Israei. agreements, are but blocks in Q: Maybe Israel believes it the structure of a comprehenhas an interest to give pre-

sive peace that would be ferential treatment for one reached later. party over another or vice-Q: It seems that not all the leaders of the Palestine Li-A: Out of integrity I say that Jordan took the initiative in beration Organisation (PLO) share with you this view. this regard to guarantee that (Yasser) Arafat's Foreign things would not go out of Minister Farouk Kaddoumi hand and get confused before reiterated that the destruc-

a satisfactory solution to all parties is reached. Thus we tion of Israel is inevitable. A: Arafat and Kaddoumi are have to differentiate between free to say whatever they two things: The religious like. But this does not change matters on the one hand, and anything in the inevitability the rights of the Palestinians to regain these rights. Q: Arafat's expert on Jeru-

what can take place in case one of the main active personalities in the peace process might fall victim to an assassination (attempt) concocted by the enemies of the idea of a just peace between the Arabs and Israel... Do you remember the fate of (late Egyptian President Anwar)

A: Anyone supporting such decisions is threatened... But responsible politicians should work in accordance to what their consciences dictate and what serves their peoples. But with regards to us, we are determined to have peace and nothing will dissuade us from that direction.

at Jordan's expense? Q: Why do you focus on the A: The Palestinians have really surprised us, although peace negotiations with the Israelis at this specific time? we have coordinated our A: No other Arab country policies at the 1991 Madrid has offered to the Palestipeace conference. Still we nians what Jordan offered, continued to support them. Now, we have the right to and no one else has suffered as we did for them. Now that take care of our interests. We the Palestinians have signed also were continuously caring their own agreements with for coordination and joint acthe Israelis, we considered it tion. But this will has always our duty to take care of our stumbled and was not up to our expectations. Thus we

were prompted to take the Q: The negotiations with Israei have started a few weeks ago, but they did not O: Do you expect the emergproduce much till now. ence of an independent A: The general atmosphere Palestinian state or do you prefer to see a Jordaniansurrounding the negotiations

takes time and we will con-

tinue to negotiate until we

achieve tangible success and

then the Jordanian people

will have to give their view

and say if they are satisfied

with the outcome, and those

with opposing views have to

express their views too. A

dictated peace will not be a

tated the PLO leadership.

is okay. But still the negotia-Palestinian federation? tions might take some time. A: It is premature to say There are reasons for that. anything certain about the We are not willing only to future relations between Joragree on the specific places to dan and the Palestinian terridelineate the border in the tories. The most important Jordan Valley, we want to thing is for the Palestinians to convert the valley into a valregain their democratic rights ley of peace and to carry out and after that we can see oint projects with a futuristic what we can do. Let us leave nsion. In addition, we matters to time to handle this want to know our shares of question, but we do respect water and the existing possi-bilities for the optimal use of the Palestinian people's independent decision regardless available water sources and finding new ones provided that that takes place within a Palestinians emigrated to Jorregional framework. This

O: Hundreds of thousands of

Arafat was angered by that paragraph on Jordan's priority to the holy places in Jeru-

justify this anger?

A: Never. The special rela-

era before the declaration of

the state of Israel and the establishment of the King-

dom of Jordan. What hap-

pened in Washington is no-

thing more than an affirma-

tion of this fact, knowing that

Jordan fought for Jerusalem in 1948 and had saved it.

Q: ... from the fist of the

A: The disaster came with the

1967 war when Israel took over the city of Jerusalem.

And, despite that, we con-

tinued to honour our duties towards the holy places, something endorsed by the

Arab summit convened in

Q: Still, Israel gave the PLO

an affirmation included in the

joint declaration of principles

that Israel will negotiate only

with the organisation on the

final status of the city of

Jerusalem, which caused

Arafat a feeling of humilia-

A: There is a new element,

and that is the quest to sepa-

salem affairs Faisal Al Hus-

seini believes that raising the

question of Jerusalem is the

best means to destroy the

A: There is nothing justifying

any stirring of emotions. I

hope that no one will try to

hide his failure by raising the

question of Jerusalem. Be-

lieve me, we do not want to

compete with the Palesti-

Q: Did you decide to push

the peace process forward by

a Jordanian initiative because

of your doubts that Israel and

the PLO will hold new agree-

ments behind your back and

peace process.

Rabat in 1974.

young state of Israel?

salem in the negotiations over the final status of the city. Is not there anything to tions between the Hashemite family and Jerusalem and its holy places date back to the

But we welcome him any time

Q:The Middle East would not enjoy peace without Syria. Will Halez Al Assad move in the Al Assad move in the required direction or will he re-main isolated as if he is reflecting pan-Arabism?

A: I believe that President Assad

Q: Is there any coordination between yourself and Hafez Al

believe that the Jordanian initiative did not surprise President Assad a great deal as we have been on constant contact. When I last met him I explained that we our potential to the best of our

Q: Does this mean that Assad supports your policies towards Israel?

A: Anyway, he has not shown any opposition thus far. Q: Do you visualise the emerg-ence of a common market be-tween Israel and its Arab neigh-

ties for improving the living conditions of people. Such a market would offer us all better stability. security and prosperity which would augur well for the rest of

might face an Israeli economic developed country and our peo-ple enjoy a high degree of cul-ture. We can face any challenge with reassured mind and self-confidence and there is no reason

Israel's hegemony. Crisis. Has the time come for returning Iraq to the Arab fold

ould return to life a

Q: Are you ready to mediate so as to return Iraq to the world community's fold? A: I have not been approached for such a role, and therefore I

have not made any contacts in this matter. Q: You are the oldest ruling head

A: Both sides in the conflict have realised that there is no alternative to a peaceful settlement. But it is difficult to predict when this can be translated into fact. Q: U.S. Secretary of State War-ren Christopher believes that he can attain peace before the end of 1996 — is he overoptimistic? A: Not at all. But this depends on

the speed in which the two sides can make their hopes and good intentions turn into realiti Q: After 17 years the late Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, en-tered the "hell side" of the Arablife, had it not been better for the

Q: You will shortly visit Germany. How do you think Euro-pean contribute to the peace

A: It is my hope that our friendship with Europe would help us achieve our vision of a peaceful Middle East. Q: Your Majesty, you have en-countered an acute health crisis.

for yourself?
A: Supporting the principles of democracy, pluralism and human rights. We hope to set a good

'Jordan seeks just peace'

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"We are entering a new battle which we feel eligible and qualified to win with our awareness, scientific knowledge, strong will, resolve and determination because we believe that this acountry possesses a great potential. and we believe that this united Jordanian family is entrusted with the principles and objectives of the Arab Nation," King Hussein said.

lead to our aspired goals," he Tordan continues to sun-

port the Palestinians' rights in their own homeland. In Jor-"We hope that the Kingdom, with its united family, will set a good example to others through their dedicated efforts conducted in an

'Links predate Jordan, Israel' dan following the war of 1967. Will they remain in Jordan or would they be able to return to Palestine?

A: This will be determined by a four-member committee from Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinians. It is the displaced people's right to be repatriated.

Q: All the politicians involved in the peace process have been meeting and discussing peace; why has not Yasser Arafat come

A: I am not aware of the reason.

seeks peace and that things be moving because Syria and Lebanon constitute true elements in the comprehensive peace that should prevail in the

A: Not at the moment. But I

the world. Q: But in this case the Arabs

A: I do not believe that Jordan has anything to fear from the common market idea. Ours is a

for us to fear the future or Q: For four years your country has been in isolation from the Arab countries for your support of Saddam Hussein in the Gulf

or even to involve Iraq in the peace process with Israel?

A: I Cannot speak for others. But I hope that Iraq, which is a vital element in this region, bope that the Iraqi people's sufferings will end. As to peace in the region, Iraq would have its important role in it.

of state in the Middle East, can

join the nuclear club. And the pressure for South Korea and Japan to face North Korea's challenge you predict when peace would would be irresistible. opening a nuclear arms So the deal struck in

Israeli conflict with a risk to his Arabs then to join Sadat's peacethese years? any opportunities were mis-

sed in the past, before and after Sadat, and this resulted in our region facing a tragedy. The leaders had cared only for their "narrow" interests, overlooked Pan-Arab interests. On the Arab and Israeli sides many of them had run after illusions, some-

What objectives did you define

example to others in utilising the fruits of peace for the benefit of all. I hope of the breaking for a

atmosphere of democracy and respect of human rights," the King said. The Armed Forces, he

said, will be always ready and able to carry out its duty. "We have lived hard years but, with God's will, we will pursue the path that would

have your own currency we have a right, as Jordan, to be told ahead of time so that we could dan, he added, "we live as take protective measures," the one family pursuing the same march until the day comes when circumstances will allow people to choose their

Two South Korean children join an anti-war march in downtown Seoul urging the government to resort to dialogue rather than North Korea played nuclear card to meet U.S. on equal footing By Peter James Spielmann Geneva last weekend was practically inevitable. It The Associated Press showed that however badly SEOUL - Isolated and off the Communist North byproduct. with its economy faltering,

may be, its diplomatic game with the West has been remarkably sophisticated, especially considering the slim hand Pyongyang had to play.

The United States pro-

vided assurances that North Korea would get new 2,000-megawatt lightwater nuclear reactors, aid in the form of energy alternatives until the new reactors are on line, and diplomatic recognition.

The North agreed to forego a suspected nucler weapons programme that was of dubious intrinsic value. It promised to shut down its old 5-megawatt reactor, not reprocess some 8,000 spent fuel rods now in storage, and halt con-

areas also abide by the regula-tions of the CBJ in what Jorda-

mean that the country's treasury

"With banks operating in Jor-

dan, there is no problem because they are operating under CBJ regulations. But these new banks

would be using the Jordanian currency as the main currency and not following the regulations

governing the use of this curren-cy," the official added.

pending economic pact. Jorda-nian officials hope to tackle the

new developments on this

arrangement with a view to in-

corporating new agreements

forged between the Palestinians and Israel and the Palestinians

and Egypt on the one hand and

Jordan and Israel on the other,

including a \$30 million trade

agreement for Jordanian exports

into the West Bank areas outside

has new commitments.

struction of two new graphite reactors, which produce plutonium as a

Reprocessing the 8,000 spent fuel rods would have yielded enough plutonium to make five or six nuclear weapons. Heading off that possibility was the chief

North Korea would also shut down its fuel reprocessing centre and put it under supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It would allow the U.N. agency's inspectors into its declared nuclear facilities under a

safeguards agreement Pyongyang signed in 1992. It's not clear if the North will let the IAEA check two other suspected nuclear sites it has designated as off-limits "military bases," that is a point the

United States is sure to insist on in future talks. Further negotiations are scheduled in Geneva on

Sept. 23 on the interim energy alternatives North Korea has been promised, establishing liaison offices in Washington and Pyongyang as a first step to full disposal of the 8,000 spent fuel rods and providing the

new reactors. To avoid hefty costs to the American taxpayer, chief U.S. negotiator Robert Galucci is trying to arrange for Germany and Japan, and perhaps South Korea, to pay most of the cost of the new reactors, which would be provided by South Korea or Russia. The United States would

supply technical experts. The deal is impressive for a reclusive state that lost its long-time ruler in the midst of the crisis and remains as hard-line as ever. In essence, all North Korea has pledged to do is live up to the agreement it signed in

Since then, the North adroitly retained its ability to go nuclear while adding cemands as the of its cooperation with U.N. inspectors.

Coming out of this round of talks, it still holds 8,000 plutonium-bearing fuel rods, not to mention the plutonium it extracted from reprocessing in the past. The CIA figures it has enough to make one or two bombs.

And it doesn't have to cooperate beyond putting its nuclear programme temporarily on hold until Washington coughs up the aid package.

Jordan, PLO open discussion on relations

bank loans.

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North Korea had only one

card to play to pry Western

aid and diplomatic recogni-

tion out of Washington — the threat to go nuclear.

Proliferation Treaty up for

renewal in 1995, the United

States felt the stakes were

too high to let North Korea

become a high-profile

rogue nuclear state. That could inspire coun-

tries like Libya, Iran and

Pakistan to try and openly

With the Nuclear Non-

attempts at independence by interfering in the running of their affairs.

On the economic level, for example, the Palestinian leadership has repeatedly stalled over the signing of the economic pact because of its allowances for a role for the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) in licensing banking operations and its recognition of the Jordanian dinar as the main currency in the occu-

pied territories. "Politically, the Palesti-nians saw a Palestinian currency as a symbol of their sovereignty, but economically it would be disastrous for them and us," another senior official said.

For one, a third of the Kingdom's money supply is being circulated in the occupied territories and the Kingdom wanted to place guards against being faced with a situation where if would have to buy back all the Jordanian dinars being dumped without prior notice. "This is why Jordan was asking for a grace period if the Palestinians were seriously intent on creating a Palestinian currency," one official explained.

What we are telling the

Palestinians is: If you want to

those which fall under the self-If a Palestinian currency is issued, "the natural thing for the Jordan and Israel, at the end of a two-week bilateral round residents in the West Bank to do which ended last week, agreed to is to dump the Jordanian dinar and buy the new Palestinian currency, the official added. a trade pact that authorised Amman to export \$30 million in 'Naturally, because the Jordaconsumer goods to the stilloccupied areas of the West Bank mian dinar is not an international currency, we would have to buy it all back immediately," he said. before the end of 1994.

The PLO immediately criti-"If you do not honour your cised the pact saying that it own currency, you would not only empty the Central Bank of bypassed the Palestinian self-rule authority and ignored the fact its reserves, but also place a strain on the Jordanian dinar that these areas are to fall under rule of this authority. which would mean devaluating it The export agreement, Jordaimmediately," he added. nian officials have said, does not contradict an earlier agreement

with the Palestinians that

allowed Jordan to export \$300

million to the West Bank and

that the Jordan-Israel agreement

was only the necessary step be-fore the kingdom can actually Jordan, as part of its unsigned execute its agreement with the economic pact with the Palesti-nians, has asked that banks oper-"After having gained Palesti-nian approval for a ceiling of ating in the Palestinian self-rule

\$300 million, we had to get Israeli approval for these exports secause Israel still controls the entry points into these areas one Jordanian negotiator recently told the Jordan Times.

nian officials say is also a protec-tive measure against facility of This was only the second step in our agreement with the Before the self-rule arrange-Palestinians so that it can bements, banks in the occupied territories, used to operate anything into the occupied terri-tories," the negotiator added.

A senior Jordanian official almost as moneychangers with no provisions for bank loans and other banking activities. said Sunday that Jordan will dis "Now that the banks are going cuss this export agreement with to give loans they would be the Palestinian side and is "optigiving Jordanian dinars against a mistic" the Palestinian side will piece of land," one official ex-plained. "This would naturally

"I hope that they come up with a statement saying we should have an agreement for \$70 mil-lion instead of \$30 million," the

Jordanian officials were on Sunday confident that they would be able to work out these and other issues with them Palestinian counterparts. "We will tell them that while we understand their political considerations we have to overcome these considerations and get down to the things that must be done," a senior official said. "I am confident that the two days of meeting will bring results

official also concurred. On the political front, the Jordanian officials said that they hoped the political committee meetings in Amman would "lay the foundation" for a new chapter in the political relations between the two leaderships.

on the economic front," another

However, they did not think that the meeting here would resolve all the outstanding political differences and expect that a planned meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat would be the "appropriate forum" for resolving these

Row over arms

(Continued from page 1) Israel and the PLO are due to resume talks in Cairo on Monday on transferring civilian powers in the areas of education, health care, tourism, social affairs, the budget and taxation.

Both sides have said the early transfer of powers should be agreed by Wednes-

Endangered gorillas caught up in conflict

Agence France Presse

RUHENGERI, Rwanda -Rwanda's rare mountain gorillas, stars of the boxoffice smash "Gorillas in the Mist," appear to have emerged unscathed from the Rwandan civil war, the au-

thorities here believe. Now the new Rwandan government is keen to reopen the Kinigi national park where they live, some 120

kilometres (rom Kigali, Conservationists reckon that Kinigi, in the northeastern Virunga mountains, is home to more than half of the world's estimated total mountain gorilla population

The authorities here and park workers are hopeful that the gorillas, feared to have been caught up in crossfire or displaced by the fleeing refucees, are still alive in or somewhere near the game

"I understand the gornilas are still there, and we hope to re-open the park shortly," said Eugene Twizere, the deputy prefect for the Ruhengeri prefecture, in the northeast of the country, in an interview with AFP.

A driver and tourist guide for the park, Muhamud Juma, said: "It appears no gorillas were killed during the nghting. I think many of them fled to Kisoro forest in Uganda or Virunga in

Hundreds of the park emplovees and their families from within the area, fled the war to Zaire through the mountainous forests inha-

bited by the gorillas. A stretch of mountains lie along the northern border of

A Scottish vetermary researcher, Alan Goohall, who visited the park late last month to assess damage and re-build tourism and environmental aid, said from the fresh trails of the gorillas he saw, "they appear to be

"Anyway, even if the gordlas fled to Zure or Uganda, I am sure the wardens will be able to lure them back to our park," said Ahmad Bizimanga, an animal science student who was attached to Kinigi

The workers said the nark contained "many" gorillas and attracted dozens of tourists every day before the April 6 death of former President Juvenal Habyarimana, killed in a suspected rocket attack on his plane, triggered the massacre of up to one million people in a merciless

The park's guest rooms and lodges were destroyed and looted during the 14 weeks of warfare that unleashed Habyarimana's Hutu militias against both Hutu opponents and the minority Tutsi inbe.

Tourist interest was fuelled by the film "Gorrillas in the Mist," featuring Signourney Weaver as the American conservationist Dian Fossey, who through close contact with the animals became an

expert on the species. Professor Goohall said there was minimal poaching during the war and thus the "rare animals ... are probably better off now regarding disturbances and poaching than

they have ever been." Twizere said the government expected to reopen the Rwanda with neighbouring park soon.

Foreign firms fall foul of China's tax reforms

BELIING (AFP) — Some foreign-funded firm have fal-ien foul of China's tax reforms, with promised rebates failing to materialise amid an overall tax hike of 30 per cent, a senior official was quoted as saying Sunday.

According to Chen Lianbo, director of the Foreign Tax Administration Department, one third of overseasfunded firms in China have seen their tax burden increase since the implementation of the reforms at the beginning of the year.

Despite pledges to pay rebates for five years to any existing foreign ventures that suffered a hike in liabilities, Mr. Chen admitted that some regions had failed to come up with the refunds.

Other areas have also failed to refund taxes paid by foreign-owned firms after their products are exported overseas, the China Daily Business Weekly quoted him

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Mr. Chen's remarks confirmed complaints by foreignfunded manufacturing ventures here that the reforms had resulted in total confusion at the regional level, with many local tax bureaux unaware of how to implement the tax rebate system.

According to the State Taxation Administration, takes levied on all foreignfunded ventures in China rose 30 per cent in the first half of this year compared to the same 1993 period.

A China News Service report said one-third of the total had seen their tax burden decrease while another third had experienced no

Mr. Chen attributed the 30 per cent rise to the continuous development of foreign-funded enterprises and the expiration of some firms' tax exemption period, rather than to an increased tax burden.

He admitted that some problems "need to be corrected" and said a national investigation would be held soon to ensure that local governments return extra tax to eligible firms.

Foreign investors have also complained over a new value added tax (VAT) system that has replaced the old consolidated industrial and commercial tax (CICT).

Citing increases to their tax bills of up to 10 per cent, investors say the government has failed to allow in practice a variety of credits required for an equitable transition from CICT to VAT.

State Taxation Administra-tion Vice Minister Xiang Huaicheng boasted early this month that the overhaul had been implemented successfully saving "foreign investors have come to realise China won't increase their tax burden.

But investors in Beijing, Tianjin, Dalian and Guangzhou dismissed his com-

ments. They were most scathing about what they said was the over-hasty and chaotic implementation of VAT. The implementation of VAT has been a disaster —

poorly conceived and weakly introduced," said the frustrated financial director of one major Western venture in northeastern Dalian, adding that the reforms had so far had a "very negative impact" on his company's tax

"It may all sound terrific at top level but when you get down to the local level there's complete confusion," he said while a Western accountant here said tax offices had acknowledged that they themselves had not yet even received internal instructions

on how to grant rebates.
Under the old system,
manufacturers paid CICT on a rising scale according to sector — starting from two per ceut - on gross sales of goods, while they now pay the difference in VAT usually about 17 per cent on their purchases of mate-

rials and their sales. Western accountants said the difference between the CICT and VAT calculations. should not in most cases be great, but many foreign manufacturers - and, it seems, the Chinese tax au-

thorities - bave in recent months discovered other-

The spokesman for a top Western manufacturer of hair products — liable also for a consumption tax of some 17 per cent under the luxury goods category — estimated his company's tax burden had increased by eight to 10 per

A Guangzhou-based cosmetics manufacturer has experienced a similar rise, but, a company spokesman said, "I haven't seen much action from the tax bureau. No one's offering any money now nor any quick explana-

Financial directors listed a catalogue of complaints in explanation of the increased bills, centering on the government's failure to allow in practice a variety of credits required for an equitable transition from CICT to

Lack of coordination between tax and customs authorities is also causing problems with VAT paid on imports and contributing to the "unfairness" of the new system, they said.

Terry Wang, tax manager of Peat Marwick Huazhen accountants here, was optimistic any "teething probwould be overcome. lems" but the financial director of a European food manufacturer in Beijing doubted his company would ever get its money back.

"The reason for the tax reforms was both to update the system and to get more money," he said, accusing the government of being in such a hurry to announce the far-reaching reforms that it failed to do its homework.

"Now they've realised that by granting all promised rebates and credits, they'll be no better off so they've put the whole thing on hold. If they can't get enough then they'll adjust the system to make sure they do," he said.

With a Beijing-based economist interpreting the cashstrapped government's halfyear budget figures as showing "the tax reforms have not been the resounding success the government hoped for,' some foreign investors pre-dicted "adjustments" would be made towards the end of the year.

But they warned that with last year's China euphoria among foreign companies now fading somewhat, Beijing could not afford to go back too far on its word.

"They have to keep the right balance between what they say and what they do. Of course, people won't stop coming to a market of 1.2 billion people, but they will start looking elsewhere," said the European financial

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> ary Fund (IMF) has ranked India as the sixth largest economy in terms of purchasing power of the local currency.

The big names of the fast food and beverage world and other consumer-oriented companies have flocked to India since reforms began on the notion that, no matter what the numbers, India will produce a market of a size that cannot be ignored.

India middle-class market estimated at 180m NEW DELHI (R) - New

government figures show that India's middle class, eagerly eyed by business for its immense buying potential, may be around 20 per cent of the population - a massive 180 million people.

The site of the Indian middle class has been much debated over the last three years, after the government unleashed radical reforms to the socialist-dominated eco-

The slashing of government controls and a series of measures to move towards a market economy largely depends on the spending power of the burgeoning middle class in a country of more than 900 million.

An elaborate national sample survey by the planning ministry shows spending patterns which suggest the middle class is around 20 per cent of the population, said officials who made the figures available to Reuters.

The survey, carried out between 1990 and 1993, shows that 19.2 per cent of India's urban families spent at least 2,450 rupees (\$80) per month and 20.8 per cent of rural families spent at least 1,600 rupees (\$50) per month.

Analysts say such spending qualifies these families as middle class. "At 1,500 rupees you

rent, and in urban areas you would be safe at 2,000 rupees per month," said market analyst P.N. Vijay. "I would put the middle class popula-Income levels in dollar

terms are low in India but local prices are also low, and the rupee goes much further than dollar conversions would suggest.

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Romania to launch mass privatisation scheme this year

BUCHAREST (R) — Under pressure to speed up privatisation, the Bucharest government is about to launch a controversial scheme aimed at making Romania a nation of shareholders in thousands of companies by the end of this year.

The plan, announced this month and subject to parliamentary approval in September, allows Romanians to swap pre-share vouchers for shares in 3,000 state firms set to go private. The vouchers were given to 15.5 million Romanians in 1992.

"The new project shows there is a political will to step up privatisation in this country. Romania badly needed this mass privatisation prog-

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ramme," Doru Nicolaescu, general manager at the National Privatisation Agency, told Reuters.

A key feature of the new scheme gives Romanians "new privatisation coupons" worth 875,000 lei \$517 in addition to the 1992 vouchers, which Prime Minister Nicolae Vacariou has valued at 25,000 eli (\$12.75) each, their current price on an informal market.

"We will implement this programme. I can't see any party opposing it in parliament in September," Mr. Vacaroin said.

But the move is perceived by the opposition as a populist measure which could reverse the unpopularity of Mr. Vacaroiu's minority govern-

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ment in the eyes of the electorate and as an attempt to delay real privatisation. Denunciation of the plan

by opposition politicians and economists indicate debates in parliament will be heated. "The government's new privatisation plan is a political sting, an economic theft, a programme of lies," said

tic Party. Under the new programmes, Romanians would swap coupons for shares representing 60 per cent — former plans put this figure at only 30 per cent — of equity in the 3,000 most "profitable companies" in various sectors of

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lion's share of Romania's privatisation, would auction the remaining 40 per cent of equity. Companies would get some 40 per cent of the cash obtained in the auctions. which they could use either to recapitalise or to repay debts, the draft said. Mr. Vacaroiu says the new

(SOF), which manages the

coupons would repair the "social injustice" caused by profiteers who concentrated in their hands a large number of 1992 pre-share vouchers which they had bought from the needy.

Both the premier and President Ion Iliescu say some six million people had been led by poverty and crooked dealers to sell coupons on an "uncontrolled black mar-

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Plan your affairs on a sound basis CAPRICORN: (December 22 to and gain added security in the January 20) This is not the right future. Listen to what an expert day to see an influential person has to suggest so you can be who can be of help to you. Be

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You may have to postpone plans for a social gathering
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AQUARILUS: (January 21)
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Foreign Exchange Market Summary (August 15 - August 19, 1994)

AMMAN - The dollar declined sharply against the yen at the end of last week, while declining modestly against the mark. It ended 1.51 per cent lower against the yen and 0.75 per cent lower against the mark.

The U.S. unit retreated slightly against the mark and yen Monday, while rising against sterling. Reports indicated that many market participants awaited the outcome of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting next day, as analysts expected a rise of about 0.25 per cent to 0.50 per cent in the Federal Funds Rates after the meeting. Analyst also expected the dollar to follow U.S. bond prices, after the said meeting.

The dollar gained ground Tuesday, in view of a rise in the Federal Funds Rates and the discount rate by 0.50 per cent each, to become 4.75 per cent and four per cent respectively. The Fed monetary tightening came at the conclusion of the FOMC meeting, and was aimed at reducing inflationary pressures in the U.S. However, it failed to push the dollar strongly, inspite of its positive effect on the U.S. financial markets. The dollar's continued weakness was blamed on the divided expectations over the future demand for U.S. securities.

The U.S. unit declined Wednesday, especially against the mark. It retreated on concern over the outcome of the Bundesbank meeting next day, inspite of expectations of German monetary easing after the meeting. The dollar also declined in view of negative sentiment against it, which came after the slight rise it achieved on Fed tightening in the previous day. Furthermore, the U.S. unit was affected negatively by renewed lack of confidence in the U.S. administration, after the resignation of the U.S. deputy treasury secretary.

The dollar continued its retreat Thursday, especially against the yen. It declined on concern over escalating trade tensions between the U.S. and Japan, after the release of U.S. Foreign Trade Report showing a rise of 25.8 per cent in the deficit with Japan during June.

Analysts said that concern over the future outlook of European interest rates affected the dollar negatively, especially after the Bundesbank kept German interest rates unchanged following its council meeting.

The U.S. unit continued its decline against the mark Friday, while remaining stable against other major currencies. Many analysts expected the dollar to extend its decline during next week, given its slight rise on Fed monetary tightening during the previous week. Meanwhile, President Clinton said that the Fed responds to the robust U.S. economy, and there is no danger of a slowdown.

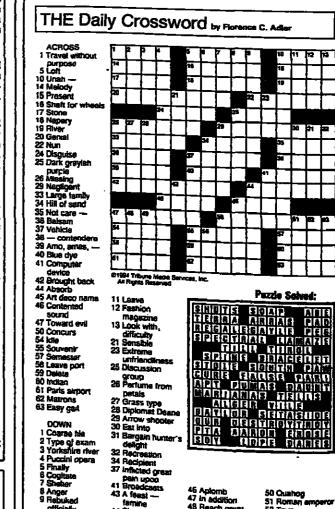
The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.5397 marks, 98.68 ven and at \$1.5490 the pound sterling.

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Currency	12/8/94 Close	19/8/94 Close	Percent Change
Sterling Pound	1.5465	1.5490	0.16%
Deutsche Mark	1.5512	1.5397	0.75%
Swiss Franc	1.3026	1.2955	0.55%
French Franc	5.3225_	5.2795	0.819
Japanese Yen	100.17	98.68	1.515
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U.S. Dollar	4.31	5.62	4.50	5.50
Sterling Pound	4.93	6:37	4.93	6.56
Deutsche Mark	4.75	4.93	4.68	5.06
Swiss Franc	3.93	4.37	3.87	4.43
French Franc	5.18	5.87	5.25	6.06
Japanese Yen	1.93	2:15	1.93	2.43

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U.S. Dollar	0.6930	0.6950
Sterling Pound	1.0716	1.0770
Deutsche Mark	0.4497	0.4519
Swiss Franc	0.5344	0.5371
French Franc	0.1311	0.1318
Japanese Yen*	0.7014	0.7049
Dutch Guilder	0.4005	0.4025
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Belgian Franc	*****	*****



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TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's stock market plunged near-

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Ninety minutes into what

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Dubai floating dock nears completion

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Dubai which already has one of the biggest shippards in the world is close to completing a project to build a floating dock, an offi-cial report said Sunday.

Work on the floating dock, which will accommodate ves-sels with a weight of up to 40,000 tonnes, began two years ago and the facility start operating in October, said the report by the state-run Dubai Commerce and Tour-

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ism Board. Thel new docks will cater for small and medium-sized vessels, thus allowing optimum use of the existing three docks for larger ships," it

The report did not disclose

the project's cost but ship-ping sources in the emirate estimated it at more than \$50

The Dubai drydocks is a government venture, and operations will cover repair and maintenance of ships. Built in

Bahraini-based Arab Ship Repair Yard (ASRY), owned by the 10-nation Organisa-

the late 1970s, it has a capac-

ity to handle all sizes of vessels, including supertankers.

The Middle East's second main drydocks is the tion of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). Dubai's drydocks handled nearly 160 vessels in 1993, with a total deadweight of 22.7 million tonnes.

The second biggest oil producer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Dubai is the Gulf's main commercial centre, handling nearly onefifth of the region's non-oil

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since Mr. Shohat announced the 10 per cent tax on Wednesday, TASE officials said record sell orders of two billion shekels (\$660 million) were lodged before trading started.

Losses on individual share prices ranged be-tween 10 and 20 per cent. For the first time in its 40-year history, TASE lifted a 10 per cent limit on fluctuation of share prices within a single day. Officials said the market's usual closing time of 1400 GMT would be extended.

"We want this to be a definitive readjustment. With so many sell orders, we'll go on as long as it takes," said TASE spokeswoman Haya Oz.

Treasury officials said approved by the cabinet investors could choose two options when buying stock. Under the first, they would pay a flat 10 per cent

tax on any profits. The other option would make any losses tax deductable but subject any profits they made on the market to a 20 to 25 per cent tax, the officials said.

Traders said the tax proposal, which in its first form was expected to raise about 500 million shekels (\$167 million) a year and help curb rising inflation, shocked investors.

"There is a huge psycho-logical fear which I don't think is justified just by the tax," said Shlomo Maoz. representative for a large Israeli bank on the market's trading floor. "The selling could go on for some days.

Israel is stock marketmad, even by the standards of industrialised Western countries. But a bull market which rose constantly since the mid-1980s had dropped by about 25 per cent this year, even before Sunday's session

Tens of thousands of small investors — including students and people on so-cial welfare — dabble. The market trades less than 100 major shares but supports hundreds of small professional portfolio managers, as well as institutional investors and operations by

In a Tel Aviv branch of Israel's Union Bank, investors clustered around a monitor showing their share holdings plummeting.

"If it goes on like this for another 15 minutes, Rabin should resign," said Zvi, an old man who has played the market for 30 years. "I'm not selling now to take a 15 per cent loss."

Israel's share market is capitalised at about \$35 bil-lion. The Mishtanim index lists 99 of the most traded stocks, while a total of about 700 firms are traded.

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PALERMO, Sicily (AP) -Martin Nothstein won the world keirin title Saturday night to become the first American man to win two gold medals in the same year at the Wrold Track Cycling Championships.

The 23-year-old sprinter proclaimed "I'm the fastest man in the world on two wheels" following his second triumph in the closing day of the World Track Cycling Championships in Sicily.

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The young American, who travelled to Palermo with little hopes of victory following a serious heel injury three months ago, beat three-time world champion Michael Hubner of Germany and Italy's Federico Paris in a eightman final at he Palermo velodrome.

Nothstein first caused a sensation Wednesday when he won the world sprint title, 82 years after the last U.S. victory in the event by Frank Kramer.

"My win in sprint was somewhat unexpected. I can't say the same for tonight. I won silver in Keirin last year and I had high hopes for this race," Nothstein said after sitting through two appeals of his victory.

The jury rejected protests by both the Italian and Belgian teams who had accused the American of illegal be-

haviour on the track. Nothstein, showing an impressive power, led throughout the final lap and withstood the strong challenge of Hubner, who settled for silver after having won the event three straight years from 1990-1992.



American Marty Nothstein (left) races to win the gold medal of the Keirin race at the World Track Cycling Championships (AFP photo)

Keirin is a motor-paced event that is popular in Japan and other countries and was first contested at the world

championships in 1980. Qualifying heats include 6-9 cyclists to get the eightman, four-lap final.

Nothstein covered the last 200 metres in 11.270 seconds. He said his tactic was to stay in front throughout the last lap.

"It paid off, but I was very tired in the last metres and at one moment I was afraid that Hubner could overtake me," Nothstein said.

"I hope my wins will boost popularity of track races in the states. It's good to give this sport publicity before the Olympics (in Atalanta in 1996)." The strongly-built world champion, who played American football, baseball and wrestling before devoting full-time to cycling, planned to rush home early Sunday

"to share my joy and my. medals with my family and my villagers.

'I also want to rest my foot and enjoy hunting and fishing at home," he said. He will also look around for some lucrative contracts.

Nothstein succeeds Australian Gary Weiland, who won both the sprint and keirin titles in 1993. The Australian did not

Part in sprint because of an injury to his left knee and was eliminated in the second round of keirin Saturday "Honestly I thought of winning a medal when I ar-

rived here. I got two golds, two rainbow jerseys. It's fantastic," Nothstein said. His victory Saturday improved the U.S. medals total to two golds, two silvers and one bronze, putting the

American team in third

place, behind France and

Germany in the overall standings.

lates from the podium after winning the photo)

gold medal of the Keirin race at the World

The French team, shutout on the final day, still held the lead in the track championships with three gold and two silver medals. Germany was runnerup

with 2-2-2. Earlier Saturday, Swiss Bruno Risi won the men's individual points race and Carsten Podlesch of Germany beat Austrian Roland Konigshofer for gold in the

motor-pace event. Podlesch's title was the last for motor-pace which will be eliminated out, along with tandem and the 100kilometre team time trial in

Risi, 25, from Erstfield, captured Switzerland's only gold at the championships for his second world title in three

He finished with 35 points in the 100-lap event, winning six of the 20 sprints. Denmark's Jan Bo

American Marty Nothstein Saturday jubi- Track Cycling Championships (AFF

Petersen was second with 18 points. Franz Stocker of Austria earned the bronze with Australian Stuart O'Grady

finished fourth with 29 points (CQ), one lap behind the Road events begin Sunday with the men's 100-kilometre

Falcone, his wife and three and the women's 50kilometre team trials. The championships will conclude drove to Palermo.

with the men's professional road race at Agrigento on

Aug. 28.
The quartet of defending champion Italy is the clear favourite in the men's team

Russia, led by Valentina Polhanova, is the team to beat in the women's event, which will be contested by only six teams.

The course of both races runs through a section of the Palermo-Capaci highway the scene of the May 1992 murder of anti-mafia Judge Giovanni Falcone.

police officers were killed by a powerful bomb as they

Riley stuns Brown

VICTORIA (AFP) -Samantha Riley produced the swim of her life to pull off the biggest upset yet in the Commonwealth swimming pool here on Saturday.

Riley chopped nearly three seconds of her personal best to claim the 200m breaststroke gold and leave 17year-old world record holder Rebecca Brown trailing in her wake.

Only Brown and American Anita Nall have ever gone faster than Riley's games record of 2:25.53. Brown, who was visibly distraught after testing defeat in her first big competition outside Australia, trailed in 2:30.24 and knows now she faces a real challenge at the world cham-pionships in Rome next month.

"I don't know what went wrong," she said tearfully. "I swam a great heat but I must have just tensed up for the final.

A jubilant Riley, who had ben shunted out of her role as the star of Australian breaststroking, attributed the dramatic improvement to increased aerobic and longer distance work under the guidance of coach Scott Volkers.

"Obviously I would like to go faster in Rome but I'm not going to start predicting any world records," she said. Riley's was not the only

outstanding effort as the Australian squad scooped five straight golds to go with their five out of six on Friday.

Matthew Dunn had to set a new Commonwealth record to overhaul Canadian hope Curtis Myden in the last ten metres of the 400m individual

medley. Dunn's time of 4:17.01 shaved four tenths of a second off Canadian Alex

Baumann's ten-year old best. Myden, whose time of 4:17.73 also represented a personal best, was so exhausted by his efforts he nearly fainted after the medal's ceremony and had to be stretched out of the area while being given oxygen.

Scott Miller's betterjudged finish gave him the 100m butterfly gold by six hundredths of a second Canada's Stephen Clarke, who finished with a half-stroke. The Australian clocked 54.39sec to frustrate the home crowd who had already begun celebrating.

Susan O'Neill, a flop in the 100m freestyle, bounced back 24 hours later to claim her first Commonwealth Games win in the 200m. England's Karen Pickering, weary after winning the 100m gold, had to settle for the bronze.

O'Neill, who finished fifth in the 100m after starting as clear favourite, trailed the Englishwoman by over a metre at the half-way stage.

But she surged back on the third leg, moved ahead at the beginning of the fourth and went on to win in 2:00.86. Another Australian, Nicole Stevenson, also came past Pickering to take silver.

"Usually I can turn up a gear but I t ried to kick in the last 50m and it just was not there," Pickering, who was kept up later than she would have liked by a drugs test on Friday.

Canada's Paul Tracy com-

pleted the second row with a

speed of 173.422mph in a

Boesel aborted his first

qualifying run when he was

unhappy with the handling of

the car. On Boesel's second

attempt, Indycar officials

radioed his team that the

track wasn't clear and a cau-

tion flag was displayed.
"We had been advised and

suggested by Wally (Dallen-

bach. Indycar's chief steward) that if I wanted to comé in again I could. So I took the decision to adjust the car again," said Boesel.

In the closing minutes,

Bocsel's team presented his

car to make what it felt was

He took this opportunity to

This was Fittipaldi's first

pole of the year and 16th of

his career, earning him one

point in the series cham-

pionship where he trails

teammate Al Unser Jr. by 35

"That point was impor-

tant," he said, adding "the

championship is still open."

Mansell, the defending winner here and reigning

series champion, felt that the handling of his car changed

from the morning practice

session to the afternoon qual-

ifying. His Newman-Haas racing team took a gamble and lost.

"We guessed at the setting. I had an incredible push (understeer) and we took the

risk of putting more wing in the car," he said.

Mansell didn't appear too upset with losing the front

row spot to Boesel, who seemd to get one extra shot at

turn his fast lap.

173.845mph.

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Canadian wrestlers face tough opposition

VICTORIA (AFP) - Canada remained in contention here on Saturday for an unprecedented clean sweep of the 10 wrestling gold medals on offer at the 15th Commonwealth Games.

After putting a man in each of the five finals set for Saturday night, the hosts ensured their presence in the semifinals of the remaining five events. They have not lost a bout in two days of action. Indian grapplers earned four semi-final places on

Saturday and were staring at

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tough opposition.

Kirpa Shankar in the 52-kg class, Dharambir Singh in the 62 kg and Sanjay Kumar in the 90 kg joined super heavyweight Jagdish Singh, given a bye into the last four. Coach S.R. Sanga refused

стоssed. "I am happy but there are difficult matches ahead and anything can happen," Sanga

to celebrate, keeping fingers

Pakistani Fayaz Mohammad completed the Asian presence in the semi-finals

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after he beat England's Shane Rigby in one of the day's toughest bouts, in the

Kirpa Shankar's path into the last four was eased by an injury to his quarter-final opponent, Pakistani Razi Gul, who was trailing on points when he gave up with aching ribs.

Shankar faces Canadian Selvyn Tam, an easy victor over Kenya's Simon Lamach. Tam is a two-time Commonwealth champion known for his lightning on the mat.

Dharambir Singh won both his bouts against Scotsman James Breen and Irishman John O'Rawe, with ease and will wrestle highly-fancied Englishman John Melling for a place in the final.

Sanjay Kumar struggled to beat another Scotsman, Graeme English, a seventime British champion, in a bout that went into overtime after they were tied 1-1 at the end of five minutes. Sanjay Kumar's semi-final opponent will be Nigerian

Victor Kodei. .,

Raul Boesel, also from Brazil, was second fastest, knocking Britain's Nigel Mansell, who set the record of 169.247mph in 1993, off

I racy tastest in high-speed practice Mansell was slightly slower at layed while Indycar officials

LONDON, New Hamphire (R) — Brazil's Emerson Fittipaldi led 12 qualifiers, breaking the track record for Indy cars, at the one mile New Hampshire International Speedway on Saturday. Driving a Penske-Ilmor, the 47 year-old, two time series champion, averaged 175.091

the front row for Sunday's 200-lap race in the last minute of the qualifying session. Both drove Lola Ford Cos-

Official results were de-

reviewed a question of whether Boesel made more than the two attempts permitted under the rules. Boesel averaged 173.856mph while

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Obree takes no risks

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PALERMO, Sicily (R) —
Graeme Obree of Britain is taking no risks for his next world title quest in the 42 km men's time trial at Catania next Thursday.

He will use normal triath-lon bars on his controversial bike instead of triathlon bars

of his own design.

Obree changed the stubby bars that suited his downhill skier racing position, replacing them with extended triathlon bars to conform to the rules that outlawed his skier style and cost him the world 4,000 metres pursuit title on Tuesday. He won the seven last year.

"With my bars I did not feel in control. There was less control than there was with my original bike. With the normal triathlon bars it is more stable," he explained. Obree's 18-inch bars were

six or seven inches longer than normal triathlon bars, according to British team manager Sandy Gilchrist. Obree needed that extra

extension because of his long arms. He describes minself as a "human chimpanzee" and his extended reach is 76 inches, four inches more than the average for his height.

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Since West had not yet bid, East's double of two diamonds was for takeout. South recknned that North-South could make at least eight tricks at a no-trump contract,

since North almost surely held the king of diamonds for the raise to two diamonds and had the advantage that the defense would be working more or less in the dark.

West led the fourth-best spade and declarer called for dummy's jack East's king lost to the ace and, as the cards lay, declarer could claim nine tricks. South exited with the queen of hearts to East's ace and no matter what suit East chose to return the defenders could not get five tricks before declarer raised in nine. It might seem that everyone did what they were supposed to do. However, if you look at all four hands you will see that, had East withheld the monarch at the first trick declarer would not have made more than eight tricks.

But what if declarer held ace and another spade? Then declarer would always be antified to two spade tricks. Since declarer surely held both the queen of hearts and queen of clubs, the only hope for the defenders was that West had started with five spades to the queen and declarer a here ace. Had East played low to the first trick declarer would have been forced to cash out to avoid a three-trick set.

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Canadians cheer double gold strike

VICTORIA (AFP) Canadians fans at the Commonwealth pool, sick of a diet of non-stop Australian swimming success, were finally given something to cheer about with a double gold strike in the diving here on Saturday.

Canada's Jason Napper came from behind to snatch the 1m springboard gold from Australian Michael Murphy with a superb final dive while Anne Montminy led the hosts to a clean sweep in the women's 10m

Napper's inward 2.5 somersaults in the tuck position was one of the two most difficult dives performed during the competition and his execution was good enough to draw marks of 9.0 from the two of the seven judges...

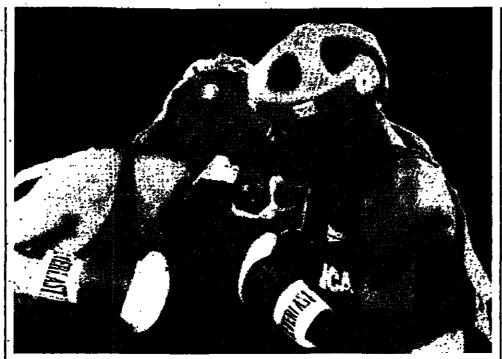
"I knew that sixes or sevens would be good enough for a medal, so I was thinking about just trying to get my head in the water. But the other side of me tapped me on the shoulder and said to go for gold," Napper said. Evan Stewart won Zim babwe's first medal of the

Napper now heads for the world championship in Rome believing he is capable of creating a surprise "If it's my day, watch out,"

games when he took the

he said. Montminy took control of her competition with a near perfect fourth dive -1.5 somersaults with a half twist - that earned her four 9.5's from the judges.

A poor entry on her penultimate dive cut her lead but neither Paige Gordon, who moved from third to second with her 8th and final effort, nor Myriam Boileau were able to take advantage. ·



Australian Aaron Everett (left) and Masi-

bout at the XV Commonwealth Games in bulele Makepula of South Africa trade victoria, British Columbia. Makepula punches during their 48 kg preliminary won the bout (AFP photo)

Swan thanks his school bullies

VICTORIA (AFP) — Tiny James Swan, who took up boxing after being picked on at school, thanked his former bullies after a gritty victory at the Commonwealth Games

here on Saturday.
Australian Aborigine
Swan, just 1.63, beat Indian Devarajan Venkatesh on points in a first-round featherweight contest at the Archie Browning Sports Cen-

The unemployed boxer said: "Basically, I did not thank the bullies for it then, but I do thank them now because it made me tough.' Born in Alice Springs to a 14-year-old mother, Swan was going to be taken into care before his grandparents

took him under their wing. "I'm fighting for the memory of my late grandmother," said Swan. "And my grandfather had a stroke in 1992 and I want him to go to heaven contended — by me winning a medal here.

"I know how seriously I have to take the fighting game — hopefully I will go back with the gold medal. I have fever now.

"It was a real David and Goliath bout - he was so big! But I had the aggression to take the fight up to him. I had to keep moving and keep my punches going up."

The 20-year-old Swan added: "I thought I won it because he kept running backwards and kept covering up on the ropes."

Swan, who has received fan mail from all over Australia, feels he's in the right frame of mind to win the

"I'm on a natural high, have a good feeling, and I want to keep it that way," he Swan now faces Guyana's

Hugo Lewis for a place in the Venkatesh scored well with

body punches, but Swan hit his opponent with a flurry of shots in the final seconds of the first round to lead 3-2.

Venkatesh used his greater reach in the second round to level at 4-4, though Venkatesh bowed to Swan in apology when he hit him after the

But Swan concentrated boxing up close and went on to win 7-5 as the Indian tired. Farce overtook the boxing here when Northern Ireland's featherweight hope Adrian Petterson was forced to enter the ring for a bout he knew would not take place.

Petterson, whose opponent Victor Kgabung of Botswana had scratched earlier on Saturday, climbed into the ring with the referee, stood in a neutral corner and was even greeted by the beil to start

In the light-flyweight divi-sion South Africa's Masibulele Makepula beat Australia's Aaron Everett on points, and India's Birju Sah ousted Northern Ireland's Colin Moffett.

Zambia's flyweight Bornface Mukuka stopped Sri Lanka's Liandari Kulatunge with 27 seconds to go of the fianl round in another first-

Klinsmann makes drama-filled debut in English League

LONDON (R) — Juergen Klinsmann lived up to his pre-season billing as the most sensational recruit to English soccer with the winning goal in Tottenham's dramatic 4-3 victory on the opening day of

the Premier League season. The German striker was one of three foreign players to score on their debuts on Saturday, and justify English clubs' raids into the ranks of this summer's World Cup

Tottenham, audacious in the close-season transfer, market, were equally adventurous on the pitch as mana-ger Ossie Ardiles fielded a five-man attacking line-up against Sheffield Wednesday that had his opposite number

gasping. Klinsmann, who scored five World Cup goals, had a hand in setting up two on Saturday, and then secured victory for Tottenham with a diving header in the 82nd

He caused some concern three minutes later when he was felled by a clash of heads, and needed eight stitches in his lip after puncturing it with his teeth.

Ardiles was full of praise for both Klinsmann and his other major singing, Romanian Ilie Dumitrescu, whose attacking thrusts caused Wednesday a host of prob-

"Juergen's contribution was excellent, not only the goal but the chances he made, and that's the sort of football we're going to play this season," said Ardiles, whose side starts with the handicap of a six-point deficit imposed for financial irregu-

"I think life will capture

Manchester United winger Andrie Kanchelskis (left) is dispossessed by Queen's Park Rangers' Andrew Impey at Old Trafford (AFP photo)

the imagination of the British public," added Ardiles. He's still not 100 per cent fit, but he showed today that

he's a very exciting player." Wednesday boss Trevor Francis praised Ardiles' bravery in selecting five attacking players. "When I looked at the line-up I thought it was the most adventurous I've ever come across in management," he said.

"I knew that we would have problems playing against players of that calibre but I was hoping that from an

attacking point of view we would be better than they Dumitrescu's Romanian World Cup colleague, defender Dan Petrescu, got on the scoresheet with Wednesday's

opening goal, while Dutch winger Bryan Roy scored the goal in Nottingham Forest's 1-0 win at Ipswich, Klinsmann, who said be-fore the match Tottenham peeded "to start the season with a bang" if they wanted to be in the running for the title, said: "I'm very happy to

have started with a victory, especially playing away from

home. It's a great start." If Tottenham's start was great, Liverpool's was outstanding as they slammed six goals past newly-promoted Crystal Palace in a game that, recalled memories of their 9-0 destruction of the same opponents in a cup tie five

"Our defending was horrific," wailed Palace manager Alan Smith. "The goals were going in at will. It was a painful lesson for us and it is going to be a bloody hard

season for us. Veteran striker Ian Rush scored twice, as did young winger Steve McManaman as Liverpool produced the type of attacking football that was' sorely missing in a disappointing campaign last sea-

Liverpool manager Roy Evans said: "I'm pleased with such a convincing scoreline on the first day. We are capable of beating teams heavily if we keep our con-

sistency."
Manchester United began their quest to become only the fourth side to win the English championship in three succesive season with a 2-0 win at home to Queen's Park Rangers.

But the two sides were the first to be exposed to the new crackdown by referees on foul play, with each having a player sent off.

Queen's Park Rangers defender Clive Wilson was dismissed after just seven minutes for a professional foul, while United's second-half substitute, defender Paul Parker, was sent off seven minutes after coming on.

Medals no surprise to Sri Lankan shooters

VICTORIA (AFP) 🚈 🤊 Lakshman Rajasinghe, "a lieutenant colonel with the Sri Lankan army, rues the fact that he does not get enough time to practice with the rifle on a shooting range.

He is usually busy on the battle-field against Tamil guerrillas fighting for their own homeland in the island's

He barely managed to squeeze in an hour's practice daily in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games. But that did not prevent the 39-year-old army officer, in combination with navy captain D.H. Chandrasiri,

by shooting down a team silver medal in the standardbore rifle event. He said he and his partner,

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from springing a huge sur-prise at the Games Saturday

who also is involved in combat operations, were not too disappointed that they missed the gold, which went to the New Zealand pair of Lindsay Arthur and Stephen Petterson, because the Sri Lankan shooters made up for their

"We feel great, really over-joyed," Rajasinghe said, af-ter waking up his wife Shanez back home in Sri Lanka with a telephone call to tell her the news. "She was overioved too, told me to be happy and not be disappointed at mis-

It may have been a surprise to everybody else here, but the Sri Lankans had been confident they would put up a

good shooting show.

The women's gold and men's silver medals — the Indian Ocean island's first in

the Commonwealth Games since 1950 — were not a flash in the pan, Rajasinghe said.
"Before we left Colombo, the secretary of defence gave us a party and we promised

> medal," Rajasinghe said. "We hold a good record in the South Asian Federation Games and we thought we had a good chance here." Chandrasiri scored 591

him we would bring back a

points and Rajasinghe 586 for a combined total of 1,177, four points behind the New Zealand pair.

"Had I performed as well as I am capable of we would

He developed his interest in shooting after watching his father, a former army major,

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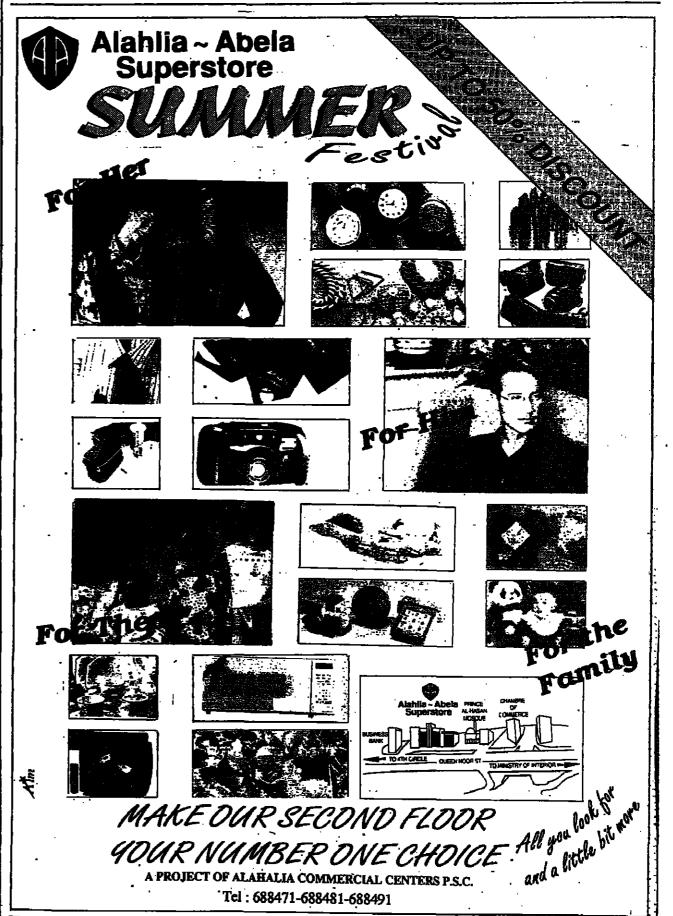
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Environmentalists

campaign to save

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indi-

an environmentalists have

launched a worldwide cam-

paign here to save the Tai

Mahal from crumbling, mem-

bers of a conservation group

said here Sunday. The Indian

Council for Enviro-Legal Ac-

tion forum said its campaign

planned to obtain signatures

from individuals and environ-

mental groups backing their

drive to save the Mogul-built

architectural marvel from

further decay. "We aim to

obtain one million signa-

tures," the forum said a day.

after launching the drive at a meeting of environmental-

ists, who say the pollution in the Taj Mahai town of Agra could give "cancer" to the white-marble complex. The

forum described the cam-

paign as international and

said it would approach inter-

national agencies and groups

to support its fight against the crumbling of the Taj Mahal.
Civil Aviation and Tourism

Minister Gulam Nabi Azad

flagged off the campaign by

putting his signature on a

letter which urges Indian

President Shankar Dayal

Sharma to lend support to the

forum's fight against pollu-

tion in Agra. The white mar-

ble monument was built in

the 17th century by Mogul

Emperor Shah Jahan in a

gesture of undying love for

his departed wife Mumtaz

Mahal. Marble chips have

crumbled and flaked, chang-

ing the white sheen of the

four-minaret monument's ex-

terior to a dull yellow over

the past several years. The

Supreme Court earlier this

year ordered 220 smoke-

emitting factories in the area

to shut down and asked a

giant state-run oil refinerv

nearby to take precautions

against polluting Agra, 80 kilometres from New Delhi.

LONDON (AFP) - The

British government said

Saturday it planned to "vigourously" defend its de-

cision not to issue an export

licence for the Three Graces

statue after the Getty

bought the masterpiece,

threatened a law suit. "This

threat does not alter the posi-

tion," a spokesman for the

government's arts depart-

ment, said. Arts Minister

Stephen Dorrell ordered a

fresh three-month delay on

the issuing of an export li-

cence for the statue in order

to give the British art estab-

lishment more time to find

the money to keep the art

work in Britain. The Getty

Museum, founded by the late

billionaire Paul Getty, has

offered the statue's owner

£7.6 million (\$11.7 million)

for the statue, and British

institutions have to match

that bid. The museum says

the delay in handing over the

neo-classical early nineteenth

century sculpture, following

an earlier six-month delay, is

invalid because it was

announced four days after

the previous six-month

WARSAW (AFP) — Rescue

workers Saturday saved two

geology students trapped for

23 days down a disused mine

with no food or drink, Polish

television reported. It said

the pair were in a state of

extreme exhaustion when dis-

covered, and had only sur-

vived by drinking drops of water which formed on the

inside of the mineshaft be-

cause of high humidity levels.

The pair went missing after

going on a potholing expedi-

tion on July 27 down a former

nickel mine near Szklary,

southwestern Poland, accord-

ing to the TV report, which

said they were only reported

missing on Aug. 17. They had

been unable to make their

way out of a 20-metre deep

mineshaft because of faulty

equipment. When they were

found Saturday they were

suffering from extreme ex-

haustion, their body temper-

ature having fallen to 35 de-

grees Celsius (95 degrees

Fahrenheit), the television

report said. Doctors at the

hospital to which the pair

were taken said the pair had

each lost 10 kilogrammes (22.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq, S. Arabia want league to discuss PoWs

CAIRO (AFP) - Iraq and Saudi Arabia have both called on the Arab League to discuss the issue of Gulf prisoners of war (PoWs) at its meeting of foreign ministers next month, league officials said here Sunday. Iraq's representative at the 22-member organisation, Nabil Nejm, told AFP his country has asked the league to add "the issue of its prisoners and civilian detainees" in Saudi Arabia to the agenda. Thousands of Iraqis were taken prisoner during the January-February, 1991 Gulf war, most of them after surrendering to the U.S.-led allied forces which freed Kuwait from Iraqi occupation. The Iraqis live in camps in Saudi Arabia, where some have asked for political asylum and others have moved to third countries as refugees. Riyadh has itself called for the Sept. 14 meeting to examine the issue of "Saudi prisoners held by Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait," in August 1990, league diplomats said. The Saudi prisoners are believed to be among some 800 PoWs that Kuwait accuses Iraq of holding since the Gulf crisis, a charge denied by Baghdad.

Israel rejails Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli troops near the Jericho self-rule area detained three just-released former Palestinian prisoners who were trying to reach their homes in the still-occupied West Bank, security sources said on Sunday. Israel released 247 Palestinian prisoners into the Jericho area on Friday but insisted those who lived outside the self-rule zone must remain there until the end of their sentences. The sources said soldiers at a roadblock just north of Jericho stopped overnight and detained three of the freed men driving toward their homes in still-occupied Nablus. The three are being held in an Israeli jail, the

Musa to visit Israel at end of August

CAIRO (AFP) --- Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Saturday he would visit Israel "at the end of August" to discuss the Middle East peace process. In an interview published in the Egyptian daily Al Ahram, Mr. Musa said he hoped an Israeli-Syrian peace accord would be signed before Israel's elections, set for 1996. He stressed the need for "a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights," seized from Syria in 1967 and annexed in 1981. "The Syrians cannot agree to establish peace (with Israel) as long as part of their territory remains occupied," Mr. Musa said.

Iran alarmed at crime among Afghans

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran is alarmed at the rise of crime among Afghan refugees that has put security at risk in the holy city of Mashhad, an official said Sunday. The governor of Khorasan province, Ismael Mofidi, told Abrar newspaper that the level of crime had reached a peak among the refugees living in his province, especially in Mashhad. The refugees should be rehoused "in designated locations where they would live under specific regulations," he said. Trafficking in arms and heroin, kidnapping, murder, rape and robbery had reached a "level in some districts of Mashhad that it has become intolerable for the city's residents" and put security at risk, said the governor. Mr. Mofidi said there were about "80,000 heroin addicts, 50,000 illegal marriages and 180,000 illegitimate children' among the Afghan population of Khorasan. By Iranian law, Afghan men are not allowed to marry Iranian women, although the opposite is tolerated. Several Muslim clergymen among the refugees have "illegally published and distributed religious books in Mashhad," said Mr. Mofidi, adding that "they have not been approved" by Iran's Shiite Muslim authorities. Mashhad is home to the country's holiest Shiite shrine, the mausoleum of 7th Imam Reza. Nearly two million Afghans who fled the 1979 Soviet invasion and the ensuing civil war still live in Iran, of whom

Cypriots refused entry to Albania

NICOSIA (R) — The Albanian government stopped a Cypriot parliamentary delegation entering the country to observe the trial of five ethnic Greeks, the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation said on Sunday. "The regime has refused, without explanation, to allow the delegation's visit to Tirana in order to observe the trial," CBC radio said. The four-member delegation, which is now in Ioannina in northern Greece, had planned to meet Albanian government officials and Greek community representatives in Tirana. It also wanted to investigate reports of human rights abuses against ethnic Greeks, the radio said. Those on trial are accused of syving and illegal possession of weapons. Greece has accused Albania of h_rassing its Greek minority.

Prostitution ring smashed in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - Police have smashed a prostitution ring in northern Iran and arrested 13 people, including 11 teenaged boys and girls, a newspaper reported Sunday. The ring members, including a couple who established the business, were accused of "corrupting several boys and girls" in the town of Lahijan on the Caspian Sea, Resalat said. Prostitution was banned in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution and brothels were closed.

Berber will be taught in Morocco schools

RABAT (R) — The Berber language spoken for many centuries by Moroccan tribes will be taught in future in primary schools as well as Arabic, King Hassan announced. A dozen Berber cultural associations, who claim Morocco is an essentially Berber not an Arab country from the ethnic point of view, have been campaigning for years to get their language taught in state schools. In a broadcast on Saturday night marking the 41st anniversary of the exiling of his father by French protectorate authorities, the king said: "The safeguard of our dialects is a necessity, because the west has invaded our homes... where Arabic and a mixture of other foreign languages is spoken." "It is far more preferable that the mixture be of Arabic and our dialects, Tarifit, Tamazight and Tashelhit. It is our duty to combat this mixture by introducing teaching of our dialects at least in primary schools." The Tashelhit dialect is spoken in the Souss area of the south, Tomazight in the mountains. and Tarifit in the rift mountain area of the north which the king is due to tour next month. Arabic is the official

British mothers visit children in Libya

NICOSIA (AFP) — Twelve British mothers arrived in Libva to visit their children on a trip organised by Tripoli, a British diplomat told AFP by telephone from Libya Sunday, Allen Brown, head of the British interests section in Tripoli, said the mothers had been separated from their children because they were "unwilling or unable" to follow the childrens' Libyan fathers to Libya. They arrived in Libya on Thursday for a two-week stay. Some of the mothers had problems seeing their children in the past because of "difficulties put in their way by the fathers," Mr. Brown added, without elaborating. He said it was the first such trip to be organised by the Libyan authorities, and estimated the number of children involved at up to "two dozen." The U.N. Security Council imposed an air and arms embargo on Libya in 1992 to force it to hand over two Libyans wanted by the West in connection with the December 1988 Lockerbie airliner bombing. The embargo was tightened last December with a ban on certain equipment used in the oil industry.

Mortar wounds Israeli soldier

KIRYAT SHMONA (Agencies) — Guerrillas lobbed mortar bombs at an army outpost in an area of northern Israel close to the border with Lebanon on Sunday, wounding one soldier, security sources said.

The army confirmed one soldier was lightly wounded in the attack, but said no further details were immediately available.

Last year, following a week-long Israeli air-andartillery retaliatory onslaught on South Lebanese villages, Hizbollah guerrillas agreed not to strike at northern Israel if the Jewish state refrained from attacks on Lebanese civilians.

Earlier, security sources in South Lebanon said Israeli gunners and guerrillas exchanged artillery fire there on Sunday, wounding one civi-

Israeli forces shelled the outskirts of the village of Braachit after one of their positions on the edge of the Jewish state's occupation zone in the south came under a rocket attack, the sources

Hizbollah (Party of God) claimed responsibility for the attack against the Israeli post at Dahr Al Jamal hill. There were no reports of casualties in the rocket assault.

The civilian, wounded by an Israeli shell in Braachit, was rushed to hospital with serious head wounds, the sources said.

A civilian was killed and three were wounded on Saturday when Israeli gunners shelled the village of Arab Salim, prompting guer-rillas to fire mortar bombs and rockets at three Israeli posts in the buffer strip. Later on Saturday, Hizbollah set off a bomb near a car in the Israeli zone, wounding

ify sources said. Israeli troops continued to shell suspected guerrilla bases in South Lebanon on Spoday.

two passengers inside, secur-

Security sources had no immediate word on casualties from the sporadic bombard-Jabal Rafih, Arab Salim, Kafra and Yater, strongholds of Hizbollah.

The civilian fatality in Arab Salim on Saturday was the first by Israeli fire since an Aug. 4 Israeli air raid killed eight and injured 17 in the village of Deir Al Zahrani, eight kilometres west of Arab Salim.

Israel called the raid a mistake and apologised. But guerrillas retaliated by firing rockets on northern Israel, slightly injuring three

On Saturday, President Boris Yeltsin's envoy reaffirmed Russia's commitment to Middle East peace efforts and Lebanon's foreign minister said Moscow can play an active role in reviving the stalled talks.

Special emissary Victor Posovalynk's visit coincided with the renewed violence in South Lebanon, underlining the volatility of the situation peace envoys confront when tackling the Middle East conflict.

Mr. Posovalyuk held separate meetings with President Elias Hrawi and Foreign Minister Fariz Bouez on the first leg of a Middle East tour to rebuild Moscow's influence in the region.

PARIS (R) - "Carlos the

Jackal," facing up to life bethind bars, will betray the

people who backed him dur-ing two decades of hit-and-

run attacks, French Interior

Minister Charls Pasqua was

quoted on Sunday as saying.

"Many people would pre-fer him dead," the minister, who engineered the seizure

of the left-wing guerrilla mas-termind in Sudan a week ago,

told the weekly Le Journal

After a tense week of

charges and counter-charges

focusing on Carlos's lawyer

Jacques Verges and an alleged plot to kill the attor-

ney by the French secret ser-

vices, Mr. Pasqua said the Carlos affair "is only just

The media-wise Verges,

France's most provocative

lawyer, has eclipsed his client

as a flurry of media reports

delve into the Stasi secret

service archives of former

Du Dimanche.

beginning."



JORDAN-PLO TALKS: Jordanian and Palestinian delega-tions, headed by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and

Yasser Abed Rabbo, meet at the Foreign Ministry on Sunday (see page one) (AFP photo)

Iraqi oil may flow again in spring

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Iraqi oil may

begin to flow as soon as next spring provided that the United Nations' monitoring team of Iraqi weapon sites is satisfied with the country's "performance," U.N. per-sonnel arriving here from

Iraq say.
"There are no guarantees, of course, but I am willing to bet that by next summer Iraqi oil will be flowing again said a member of the U.N. monitoring delegation passing through Amman this

International pressure on the United States and Britain to ease sanctions and allow for oil sales, to Asian as well as European countries with considerable business interest in Iraq, have thus far proved

futile at Security Council meetings which have reviewed the embargo.

If the monitoring operation begins in September, as provisionally expected, then pressure on the Security Council to ease sanctions and the embargo on oil sales would increase dramatically.

Veiled diplomatic moves by Iraq to Europe, Asia and even reported meetings with Israelis have put Iraq back on the fast track. Iraqi oil has trickling to

several neighbouring countries. Both Iran and Turkey are reportedly receiving Iraqi oil at discount prices, and unofficial trade through both the Kurdish north and the Shiite south continues. The only U.N. approved transfer of oil from Iraq is to Jordan. U.S. officials have said that the low price of oil has pre-

vented its Gulf allies, such as Saudi Arabia, from approving Iraq's reentry into the oil markets. Representatives of Euro-

pean governments have even linked the lifting of the oil embargo to the political situation in Algeria. "If and when Algeria falls

to the fundamentalists, the Algerian oil market will be probably be embargoed and then we will have to open up to Iraq again," a senior European diplomat in Amman told the Jordan Times.

Some Asian officials have reportedly urged the Iraqi government to "opt for the Iranian alternative," by allying itself with the country with which it was at war for eight years. "Through Iran they can seep anything they want on the international market," said one Asian diplomat close to Baghdad. But Iraq is unlikely to heed such advice, say Ammanbased analysts.

While there are longstanding trade relations with both Iran and Turkey, Iraq has always looked West in its trade relations and diplomatic endeavours.

"The European and Asian delegations that have been visiting Iraq have all something on their agenda," said one analyst of Iraqi politics.

"Something is cooking up." Recent visits by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tarek Aziz to Morocco and a previous visit to Italy at the beginning of the summer might have involved talk of a possible dialogue with the Israelis, the analyst said. Morocco has been a tradi-

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PLO officials urge Arafat not to amend covenant Absent from the talks was

TUNIS (Agencies) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials have urged Yasser Arafat to wait until full autonomy is achieved in territories the occuri before taking action to rescind official statements calling for Israel's destruction.

Mr. Arafat has promised Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he would summon the Palestine National Council (PNC) to drop clauses hostile to Israel from the charter of the

parliament-in-exile. However, the Tunis-based PLO officials, many of whom are critical of Mr. Arafat's handling of the peace process with Israel, appear to want to use annulment of the clauses as a bargaining chip to speed

up the autonomy process. "There should be no meeting of the Palestine National Council before the Palestinian (national) authority (PNA) takes control over all the occupied territories." said Sakhar Habash, member of the Central Committee of

Any amendment to the 1964 PNC charter must be endorsed by two thirds of the council's 480 members, who represent all the PLO's fac-

the PLO's mainstream Fateh

Mr. Habash said Mr. Arafat did not formally request the convening of the assembly and said the issue needs to be discussed by the PLO leadership.

Carlos will betray followers

East Germany which allege

the attorney was close to Car-

los, a Venezuelan whose real

name is Illich Ramirez San-

Refusing to comment on Verges' allegations, Mr.

Pasqua said he had no doubt

the names of those who pro-

vided information for Car-

los's network, and of those

who carried out his prop-

aganda, would be revealed

now that Carlos was in a Paris

Carlos would betray his for-

mer acolytes. "When a man

of this importance is jailed,

(he must speak out) if he

wants to maintain his stand-

ing," Mr. Pasqua said. Investigators have long

been at a loss to explain the

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Gaston Defferre, to demand

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When Carlos wrote in 1982

French establishment.

He said he was sure that

Mr. Habash and other senior PLO members critical of the agreements with Israel on Palestinian self-rule met with Mr. Arafat Saturday night at his former office in a Tunis suburb.

Mr. Arafat flew to Tunis Saturday and also met with Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

Although Mr. Arafat has moved his headquarters to the autonomous Gaza Strip, the PLO's foreign relations department remains in the Tunisian capital. Dr. Habash said the lead-

ers also reviewed relations with Jordan after King Hussein signed a nonbelligerency agreement with Israel that recognised a special Jordanian role in administering Muslim sites in Jerusalem.

Sources close to the meeting said the PLO leaders urged Mr. Arafat to avoid a crisis with Jordan and try to resolve the issue quietly. The participants also dis-

cussed recent tension between the Palestinian National Authority and Hamas in the Gaza Strip following attacks by the fundamentalist movement on Israeli settlers last week. The sources, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said the leaders warned Mr. Arafat against confrontation with Hamas, which they said will weaken the Palestinian authority and may even risk

Magdalana Kopp, of Ger-

many's Red Army faction, the guerrilla sent his letter to

the French ambassador to the

Netherlands, Jean-Daniel

Mr. Jurgensen and Mr.

Defferre fought side-by-side

in the wartime resistance in

the same clandestine group.

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could embarrass some of the

governments, particularly in the Middle East, which

French media reports have

said Stasi files named leading

French figures, including

politicians and intellectuals.

who had been in touch with

Over the past week, Stasi

files have been variously

quoted as implicating Mr.

Verges in an attack on a

French nuclear plant in 1982,

and branding him an "oper-

ational member" of Carlos's

Carlos or his network.

Were he to talk, Carlos

perfect intermediary.

helped him.

PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas, a staunch supporter of the peace process and who signed the self-rule accord with Israel.

Aides refused to discuss the reason for his absence. Senior Palestinian officials outside Tunis also insisted Sunday Israel must redeploy its troops on the West Bank before the PLO amends its charter.

"The time has not yet come to convene the Palestine National Council," said Mohammad Sobeih.

The secretary general of the PNC told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz: "It is out of the question for the PNC to meet under the protection of the Israeli security services and while the occupation continues."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres gave the green light on Friday for the PNC to convene in Gaza, temporarily removing several members of the Palestinian parliament from an Israeli black-

The Palestinians had complained that the body could not meet because Israel was barring dozens of its 500 members from entering the self-rule areas.

A government source said Sunday that PNC members who were denied access to Gaza or Jericho because of

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guerrilla outrages.

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disinformation campaign"

Verges charged that Presi-

dent François Mitterrand had

approved a secret service plot

to assassinate him in the early

for three bombings, reacted with a joke to his lawyer

stealing his thunder.
"He laughed a lot. He said

Carlos, under investigation

Children were more than half of dead in Algerian quake

ALGIERS (AFP) - Children made up over half the dead in a powerful earthquake that shook Algeria's Mascare region on Thursday, the Algerian Interior Minis-try said Sunday.

According to official figures, 90 out of the 171 peo-

1,503.tents had been sent to

tion service said on Algerian control."

initially admitted to hospital, around 117 were still being treated, said the spokesman. Relief services were visiting the surrounding area to

any people injured in remote villages to hospital, he a ided. Meanwhile, oversea aid continued to arrive in Algeria, the radio said.

ple killed by the quake were under 15 year old. A further 63 dead were aged between 15 and 55, while the remaining 18 were over 55. The ministry also said

Masacre to house the estimated 10,000 people made homeless by the quake. Meanwhile, a spokesman for the country's civil protec-

radio Sunday the situation in the area around Mascare was "one hundred per cent under Out of a total of 289 people

distribute aid and transport



in Paris in which a woman died, an attack on a Paris-Toulon train the same year which killed five people and a 1983 bombing of a Marseilles railway station, which also 'soon it'll be you who's killed five people.



One of the rare photographs available of Carlos the Jackal

charged in my place, then I'll go out and bring you oranges," Verges quoted Car-los as telling him after a visit

Carlos faces legal proceed-ings for a 1982 car-bombing

group in the 1980s. Mr. Verges also allegedly offered to mediate between Carlos and the Paris government to try to put an end to Mr. Verges has denied the charges, denouncing a "Stasi and a bid by France's former socialist rulers to hide their efforts to negotiate with guer-

He said he was asked to act as a mediator with Carlos by French authorities in the 1980s, when he was defending Ms. Kopp. Raising the stakes, Mr.

to his jail.